WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Senate Friday reacted to the Chinese sale of a medium-range missile to Saudi Arabia by imposing a new-condition on the sale of U.S. weapons to the kingdom. The Senate said that before the United States could sell arms to Saudi Arabia "or to any other nation which has procured CSS-2 Chinese-made missiles," the president had to certify to Congress that the purchasing country "does not have chemical, biological or nuclear warheads for such missiles." The condition was contained in an amendment attached by voice vote to a bill authorising \$299.5 hillion in defence spending in the 1989 fiscal year. The Reagan administration has proposed selling \$825 million worth of military hardware and services to the Saudis amid congressional concern over the Saudi purchase of the Chinese sale of the 3,500-kilometre-range CSS-2 missile. Administration officials have said that both the Chinese and the Saudis have given negronary that the Saudi energies will not be saud with Saudis have given assurances that the Saudi missiles will not be fitted with nuclear warheads, although CSS-2s in the Chinese arsenal are nuclear

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Iraq accuses Iran of shelling Basra

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq accused Iran of shelling the southern port city of Basra Friday and threatened to hit back, saying Tehran was bent on resuming the so-called "war of the cries."
Baghdad's daily military communique said the shelling damaged civilian property. "We strongly warn franian rulers against the consequences of their insistence to ignite the war of the cities... Iraq's patience will not last long and the Iranian rulers will have to bear the bitter results of their wicked actions," it said.

Sudan-Ethiopia committee meets

KHARTOUM (R) — Officials from Sudan and Ethiopia, which accuse each other of backing rebel movements against their governments, have begun talks on ways to improve relations, the official Sudan news agency (SUNA) said Friday. The technical committee was expected to make recommendations to a ministerial meeting io Addis Ababa and to the leaders of both countries when they meet later this month in Ethiopia.

Danish swing party wants broad coalition

COPENHAGEN (AP) - The key party in Denmark's postelection bargaining rejected an offer Friday to join a socialist government and called for a broad coalition drawn from the left and right, Danish radio re-ported. Niels Helveg Petersen, leader of the Social-Liberal Party, said the next cabinet should have wide support in the 179-member parliament; the radio said. Most of Denmark's post-war governments have lacked a parliamentary majority.

Whitehead urges Arabs, Israelis to consider U.S. peace

RABAT (R) — U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John White-head urged all parties to the Middle East conflict Friday to study carefully the latest American peace plan. "In this plan there are some ideas that have not been set forth before. This plan does provide the seeds for some real progress, that is wby I urge everybody to study the details closely," he told a news conference. Whitehead, who discussed the Middle East issue with the leaders of Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco during a North African tour (see page 5), added: "We cannot afford, none of us, to allow the situation in the Middle. East to revert to a situation in which no effort is being made to find a solution to that problem... we must have some further steps to progress." Whitebead said it was not an Israeli plan. but a U.S. attempt to find middle ground between the Israeli and

Iranians vote

Arab positions.

NICOSIA (AP) — Ayatollab Ruhollah Khomeini, squelching stock market rumours he had died, voted in the final round of Iran's parliamentary elections Friday. The official Islamic Republic News Agency said Khomeini, assisted by his son Ahmad, cast his vote in a special inobile polling booth outside his heavily guarded residence in north Tehran's Jamaran suburb soon after the polis opened at 7 a.m. (0330 GMT). Hours earlier, rumours swept the Hong Kong stock market that Khomeini had died. In the first round of voting in April, 188 of the 270 Majlis, or parliament, deputies were elected. Priday's run-off poll will decide the winners in the other 82 electoral districts, including 16 of the 30 in Tehran, where no candidate got a clear majority last

Iranians hold anti-Israel rally

the Iranian news agency IRNA reported. The agency said millions of people took to the streets m rallies across Iran to mark "Qods Day." · · · · ·

AMMAN SATURDAY MAY 14, 1988, RAMADAN 28, 1408

Worshipers clash with Israeli troops OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) ---Palestinian worshipers clashed with Israeli

soldiers at the Haram Al Sharif complex after Friday prayers and said at least 15 were shot and wounded by troops, according to eyewitnesses quoted by news agencies and local reports.

An estimated 5,000 worshipers crowded the sacred Al Aqsa Mosque to mark the final Friday of the Holy Month of Ramadan, a severe drop in attendance from previous years. The Israeli army closed off large parts of the occupied territories and blocked Palestinians from reaching Jeru-

salem to worship.

As an army helicopter hovered overhead and military police perched on rooftops, about 1,000 worshipers emerged from prayers chanting mationalist slogans and burning Israeli flags. Several bundred burled stones at a nearby

Israeli police station.

Hundreds of helmeted military police then broke into the complex, firing rabber bullets to disperse the protesters.

Army radio said 15 protesters and two policemen were injured. Police spokesmen could not be reached for comment. Israel Radio said at least 20

people were arrested. Hundreds of worshipers remained inside the Al Aqsa Mos-

que, afraid to leave, after police entered the Haram Al Sharif. The prayer leader called oo police to withdraw.

"Go away" prayer leader Mohammad Hussein called out through, the mosque loudspeakers. "Allow the Muslims to leave peacefully.

Outside, worshipers paraded Palestinian flags and black flags of mourning as they circled the mosque complex.

"Jews out" the protesters chanted, "We don't want to see any Zionists."

Others shouted: "No fear, no fear. The stone is better than the Kalashnikov. Unprecedented precautions

were implemented to thwart expected violence beginning Thursday night, when the faithful celebrated the Lailat Al Qadr marking the revelation of the Koran to the Propbet Mobammad.

The Israeli army sealed off the Gaza Strip, allowing no one in or out, and police and soldiers turned back cars from the West Bank beading for Jerusalem. At least 3,300 policemen were

deployed in Jerusalem. The army also clamped curfews oo 120,000 Palestinians in Nablus, the largest West Bank city, and neighbouring refugee camps.

Arafat denounces Nicosia car blast

NICOSIA (AP) - Palestinian The explosion was the worst leader Yasser Arafat seot a mes-sage to Presideot George Vassi-history and sparked off anery to President George Vassi lion Friday decouncing a carbomb blast this week that killed three people and wounded 15.

A government announcement said Arafat's message also expressed condolences for the victims of Wednesday's blast in Nicosia near the Israeli embassy.

demands for strong action against Middle East-related attacks on the island.

Vassilion said one measure adopted by a security conference overnight was the beefing up of counter-terrorist units "particu-(Continued on page 3)

U.N. calls on U.S. to accept World Court ruling

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The General Assembly urged the United States Friday to respect a World Court ruling that the dispute over the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) U.N. mission should go to binding arbitration.

Only the United States and Israel opposed the resolution, adopted by a vote of 136 to two, with no abstentions.

It was the fourth time since last December that the assembly had voted overwhelmingly to counter a U.S. anti-"terrorism" law enacted against the wishes of the Reagan administration — demanding the closing of the PLO's U.N. office by March 21 this

After Friday's vote, the U.S. again said it would take no action to shot down the mission until a U.S. district court had ruled on a suit if filed against the PLO in

Legal experts said this could

PARIS (Agencies) — The newly-

appointed French cabinet,

dominated by senior Socialist

Party leaders, met Friday for the

first time since President Francois

Mitterrand won reelection five

"It is lovely," Georgina

take weeks or even months. The assembly bas repeatedly called the move against the PLO a violation of U.S. obbgations under a 1947 agreement establishing United Nations headquarters in New York and permitting free acess to all accredited diplo-

The U.S. says the United States is bound to submit the dispute to a three-member arbitration panel provided for under the 1947 accord.

The United States, which refuses to name an arbitrator, argues that no dispute yet exists. since the PLO office is continuing to operate as it bas done for the past 13 years.

The latest round of assembly debate came after the World Court issued a unanimous opinton April 26 that the United States is under an obligation to enter into arbitration, in accordance with the 1947 headquarters

guards, the same office. What

pleasure to work with Francois

Mitterrand and Michel Rocard,

in whom I have enormous confi-

Dufoix was family minister in

A military spokesman said the curfews were imposed in the morning after the army received reports that protests might break

Curfews were also in effect in parts of Gaza City and the Dheishe refugee camps near Bethlehem.

Journalists and non-residents were barred from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank city of Ramallah. There were at least three

roadhlocks in the 15 kilometre stretch of road between Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Soldiers turned back every car bearing West Bank licence plates unless drivers carried special permits. In Sa'ir village near Hehron, troops carried out house-to-bouse

searches, Palestinians said. In Gaza City, protesters clashed with troops after Friday prayers at the Omar Mosque, Palestinian sources said.

Violent protests were expected

pro-Iraoian militiameo wbo

Beirut during battles with rival Shi'ite Amal gunmen Friday.

About 30 Hizbollah (Party of

God) fighters, clad in military

fatigues covered with Iranian

flags, had thrust out from Beirut's

major Amal post controlling the

main airport road in the Al Raml

Security sources and witnesses

positions a few metres from Sy-

Syrian troops had previously

takeo no part in the battles which

crupted last Friday between the

Iranian-backed Hizbollah and the

But Brigadier Ali Hammoud.

militia presence" in areas under

trol of the southern suburbs.

police said.

Al Azali area.

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anniversaries of Israel's creation and the start of its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in

Leaflets circulated by underground resistance groups in Gaza called for a general strike Sunday to mark the Israeli anniversary.

On Thursday, Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian in Qabativeb after he allegedly ignored soldiers' order to halt during a search of the village, the army command said.

The death brought to 187 the number of Palestinians killed since the beginning of the uprising on Dec. 8.

Israel Radio said the army would start re-opening West Bank schools next week after a nearly four-month closure. Elementary school classes would resume first, the report said, followed by junior high and high schools if no protests occurred.

The U.S. State Department, said.

Pro-Iranian militia gains ground in war with Amal

Syrian troops kill 5 Hizbollahis

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Syrian moved to a less vulnerable prison brokered by Syria and Iran that tronps shot dead five of a force of amid the Amal-Hizbollah battles. have broken down.

The magazine said the blind-

folded hostages were taken last Saturday to the house of Sheikh

Ibrahim Al Amin, the spokesman

for Hizbollah, believed to be an

Police said 10 people were kil-

umbrella group for kidnappers.

led and 18 wounded in Friday's

fighting, which ended a 36-hour

Thursday crincised Israel's arrest of three Palestinian journalists. We strongly oppose efforts to restrict the free expression of views through the press," said

State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley. Raid on Lebanon

Israeli warplanes blasted Palestinian targets south of Beirut Thursday. At least one

fighter was wounded.

Six fighter-bombers took part in the eighth aerial attack on

Lebanon this year. They rocketed and destroyed three olive groves oear the Kharroub region town of Barja in three bombing runs, police said. Barja is 27 kilometres south of

The raid began at 6:05 p.m. (1605 GMT), just before sundown, and lasted 10 minutes. The positions were manned by mem-bers of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, police

The overall toll was 198 killed

and 561 wounded since the con-

frontation for control of South

Beirut's 40-square-kilometre

slums began last Friday.
Police said the Syrian actioo

against Hizbollah came as the

pro-Iranian militiamen flushed

Amal rivals from most of south

His Majesty King Hussein Thursday performs Omra (Petra photo)

King back after Omra, talks with Saudi leader

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein returned home Friday morning at the end of a brief visit to Saudi Arabia, where be beld talks with King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz and performed Omra, minor pilgrimage to Mec-ca, and spent Lailat Al Qadr at the Holy Mosque in Mecca. At dawn Friday, the King visited the Propbet's mosque in Al Medina Al Munawwara and be performed Al Fajr prayer and visited

the Prophet's tomb. Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, who accompanied the King, beld talks with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal on the latest developments in the region and reviewed means of further

enhancing bilateral relations. The talks were attended on the Jordanian side by Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Chief

and Mineral Resources Minister Hisham Nazer. In addition to Rifai, Qasem and Prince Ra'd, the King was

Zaid and on the Saudi side by Oil

accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Faisal and the King's advisor for tribal affairs. The King and the delegation were the guests at an iftar ban-

quet hosted Thursday by King The King also met Pakistani President Mohammad Zia Ul

Haq. who was also in Mecca to perform Omra.

Upon arrival in Amman, King Hussein and the accompanying delegation were received by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeb, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sbarif Zaid Ibn Shaker and high-Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibo ranking officials.

southern suburbs and seized a truce, one of several cease-fires Iraqis hit two vessels; quoted by the AP and Renters said Syrian troops oo the airport lighway shot dead five of the lighway shot dead five of the lighway shot dead five of the

BAHRAIN (AP) - Eleveo crewmen of an Iranian cargo ship were injured in an attack by Iraqi aircraft, and a tugboat towing the crippled vessel was damaged in a followup raid 13 hours later, a London-based maritime agency

pro-Syrian Amal militias for consaid Friday. lraq reported another attack by its warplanes on a "large naval the bead of Syrian observers in Lehanon, bad warned that the target" off the Iranian coast Thursday afternoon, its ninth Syrians would "eradicate any such report in the past two weeks. The latest report appeared to coincide with the attack on the The magazine Al Shiraa said Friday foreign hostages had been ! tug, as reported by Lloyd's ship-

ping intelligeoce unit. However, a Gulf-based ship-

ping source said he bad received information that the Iranian cargo vessel, the Iran Nahad, "exploded" during an attack about 1:20 a.m. Thursday (2220 GMT Wednesday), and may have been carrying arms.

The source, who has shipping connections in the area but spoke on condition that be not be identified, also quoted his informant as saying the tugboat was searching for survivors of the blast. (Continued on page 3)

Hours after Sbultz and She-

vardnadze bad pronounced the

problems resolved on Thursday

afternonn, a new dispute arose

Lower-level officials on both

sides argued through the night

before settling the matter Friday

Shultz told reporters in Brus-

sels he was pleased with the ontcome, but be declined to say

whether he thought the Senate

The Senate had postponed de-

bate on the treaty Monday after some members accused Moscow

of leaving loopholes for possible

In a short report on the Eastern bloc ministers' one-day briefing

with Shevardnadze, the East Ger-

man news agency ADN said the allies gave their full support to

"They expressed their hope

would be satisfied.

morning.

cheating.

from Algerian President Chadli ing special Arab summit scheduled for early June. The meeting, to be held June 7

discuss the Palestinian uprising in the Israeh-occupied territories. The message was delivered by

Sherif Messaadia, who arrived in

in Algiers, bas been called to Benjedid's emissary, Mohammad

TUNIS (Agencies) — Tunisian vered a summit message from President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Benjedid to Muammar Qadhafi. Ali Friday received a message Messaadia said the meeting with Ibn Ali at the palace in Benjedid concerning the upcom- Carthage was "an opportunity to hear his points of view on a number of bilateral issues and common interests." He did not elaborate.

Messaadia already has visited Morocco and Mauritania to deliver messages preceding the summit. Algerian Foreign Minister

Ahmad Taleb Ibrahimi arrived in Tunis Tuesday night following a Saudi Arabia Thursday to invite visit to Tripoli, where he deli- King Fahd to the league summit.

Israel says Soviets agree no solution can be imposed

Arab leaders receive

pre-summit messages

Minister Shimon Peres that an international Middle East peace conference should not be empowered to impose solutions on the area, according to a senior Israeb official.

"Aleksander Zotov, deputy head of the Communist Party's foreign affairs section, told Mr. Peres in Madrid this week the conference should not be able to dictate solutions to the parties concerned," said the official who hriefed reporters on condition he not be identified.

His report was in sharp contrast to that of a colleague who would be issued before June 15.

TEL AVIV (R) — The Soviet said here two weeks ago that Mos-Union has told Israeli Foreign . cow had bardened its stance on the U.S.-proposeo conference and that prospects for rapid hreakthrough were dimming.
The official wbo spoke to fore-

ign newsmen April 29 said Washington had told Israel that Moscow insisted the conference should have the right to decide solutions.

Peres has long campaigned for Israeli endorsement of the conference on grounds it is the only way to secure direct talks with the Arab states.

The Israeli official also reported that Zotov told Peres visas

Philby buried in Moscow with full military honours

MOSCOW (R) - Britisb-born master spy Kim Philhy was huried ish intelligence and came close to in a Moscow cemetery Friday with full military honours, including a hrass band and three volleys great charm and intellect." he fired over his grave hy a Soviet KBG guard of honour.

The funeral, attended by about 200 mourners led hy Philby's Russian wife Rufa and British son John, was held in hright sunshine at Kuntsevo military cemetery in the western suburbs of Moscow.

Thirteen wreaths from relatives, friends and colleagues were borne to the graveside and four funeral orations read out by the open coffin paying tribute to Philhy as "a great internationalist and famous Soviet intelligence

One unidentified orator, a well-huilt man wearing a dark suit and classes with swept-back hair, told the mourners Philby, who was 76, had "unceasingly devoted his life to the cause of peace and a brighter future.

The spy, who penetrated Britbeing appointed its head in the late 1940s, had been "a man of. Another speaker in his early

20s and also in civilian clothes said Philhy had spent his last few vears "on training the young generation" an apparent reference to new recruits to the KGB, the committee of state security.

Earlier. TASS news agency, reporting his death Wednesday, confirmed that Philhy continued to work for Soviet intelligence after his defection to Moscow in

The honours accorded him at

the funeral appeared to confirm . reports that he ended his career as a general in the KGB. although no reference was made to his rank during the fuoeral. All four orators referred to him

simply as comrade Kim.

Superpowers brief their allies strategic arms treaty at the Mos-BRUSSELS (Agencies) - U.S. May 29, said David Mellor, a

British minister of state.

Secretary of State George Sbultz briefed North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) allies Friday on the outcome of the talks he had with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze Wednesday and Thursday and the Soviet minister met with Warsaw Pact allies in East Berlin for a similar briefing.

The NATO allies told Sbuttz that the Senate should ratify the U.S.-Soviet medium-range mis-sile treaty now that technical disputes have been settled. "We think the way is now open

for the treaty to be ratified" before U.S. President Ronald Reagan meets Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow

the pact in Washington in December. U.s. and allied officials have expressed concern that failure to

Reagan and Gorbachev signed

ratify the arms treaty before the summit could spoil the atmosphere at the meeting and set back efforts to reach other arms control deals. Sbultz briefed allied officials on

his two days of talks in Geneva with Sbevardnadze, where the two sides resolved differences over bow to ensure compliance with the treaty.

On Thursday, both Shevard-nadze and Shultz had ruled out the possibility of completing a

Moscow's methods of negotiating with the United States. that the negotiations between Gorbachev and Reagan will yield substantial agreements in the sphere of halving strategic offen-"A clarification would be healthy," said Jean Poperen, named

right holds a slim majority.
"It must not be delayed ton long," be told French radio, referring to the dissolution of par-

fresh elections. Financial markets were expected to approve Rocard's choice of Pierre Beregovoy as finance minister, a post be held between 1984 and 1986, during which he started liberalising the

French economy. (Continued on page 3)

The next election would normally be held in March, 1991.

liament which would proceed

Roland Dumas, a close friend of Mitterrand, returned to his

discussed," it said.

Rocard cabinet meets; snap elections seen in cards right, led by Chirac, ousted Mitterrand's Socialist government.

by Rocard as minister in charge sive weapons and on other disarmament questions," the agency All Warsaw Pact foreign minis-

ters except Romania's came to the hriefing at the Niederschoenhausen guest house in Parkland on the northern outskirts of Earlier, ADN quoted Shevard-

> "Shevardnadze said progress and substantial results could be reached in all the areas to be

looked visibly pleased as he was photographed and filmed. speculation that the new cahinet NICOSIA (R) — Iranian demonstrators chanting "Death to Israel" burned President Reagan was transitional and would not Mitterrand sat between Minister of Education Lionel Jospin. Most of the deputy ministers former head of the Socialist Party, and Housing Minister Maurice in effigy Friday to display their solidarity with the Palestinians, are from outside the socialist French radio.

But there were only three cen-Dufoix, minister of family and trists, to whom Mitterrand had womeo's rights, told reporters. "I made a special appeal in his effort found the same driver, the same to move the Socialist Party to-

The preponderance of Socialist veterans in the team assembled hy Rocard dashed the belief that the reelection of Mitterrand on a "unity" ticket would usher in centre-left coalition rule.

But two ministers, speaking government at a later date.

aware of the fact that if we want French politics to be more effecive, there has to be an opening (of political ranks)," Socialist Interior Minister Pierre Joxe told

three months," he added. France last held a general election in March, 1986, when the

of relations with the National Assembly (parliament) where the

> nadze as telling East German leader Erich Honecker in a separate meeting that Moscow still hoped to reach agreement with Washington on strategic missiles.

days ago as expectations of a snap the socialist government of Pregeneral election rose. mier Pierre Mauroy, formed after ahead of the cabinet's inaugural The ministers, seated at a the election of Mitterrand to bis meeting, said the political round table covered in beige felt first seven-year term in 1981. shakeup was not over and foreat the presidential Elysee Palace, Rocard named the cahinet cast that centrists would join the joined newly-appointed Premier Michel Rocard, who placed stacks of files before him and

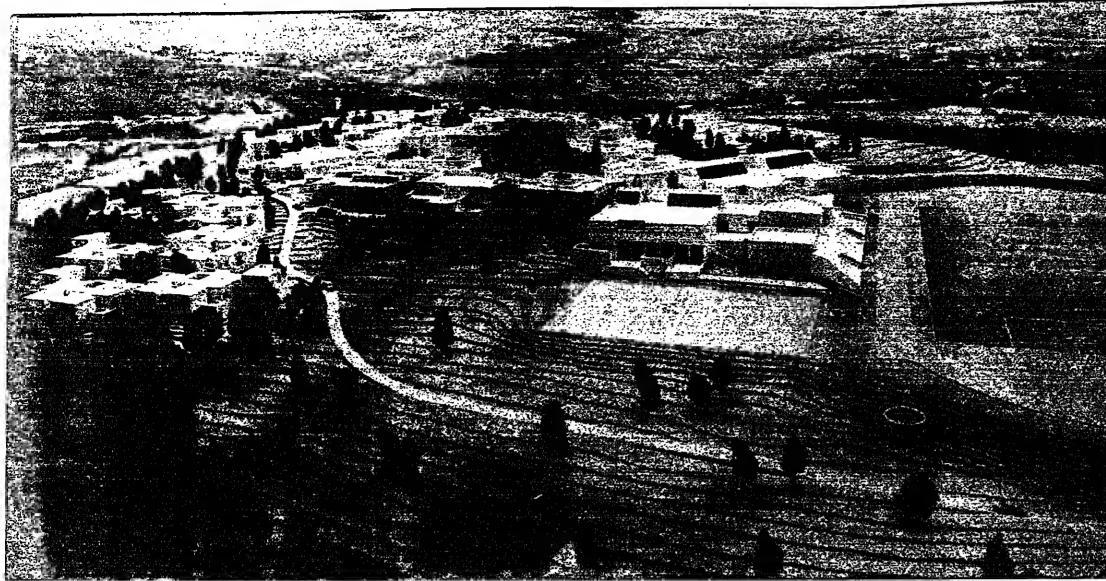
Thursday night. Early Friday, be completed the task by appointing 15 deputy ministers amid general

ranks, reflecting a promise for a broad-based cabinet.

wards the right.

"There are centrists perfectly

"It will happeo. Will it take days or weeks? Come back in



Model showing the proposed design of the Jubilee School

Jubilee School: A gift for the gifted

By Meg Abu Hamdan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — One of the largest projects the Royal Endowment for Culture and Education, chaired by Her Majesty Queen Noor, is currently involved with the establishment of the Jubilee School — a project people are slowly becoming aware of but about which little is generally known. Not scheduled to open until September 1990, the Jubilee School will be a boarding secondary school for academically talented boys and girls from all over the country. The school is also intended to serve as a model for the development of secondary education in Jordan and the Arah World.

The need for such a school has arisen out of the fact that while there is now virtual universal education for boys and girls at both the elementary (grades 1-6) and the preparatory (grades 7-9) levels there is, at present, no provision in the educational sysstanding students with special abilities and talents. The Jubilee School's main aim is to provide the educational apportunities for these students enabling them to reach their full potential and in the long term to go on in assume responsible leadership roles in the country. Furthermore, as all the places at the Jubilee School will be funded by scholarships and because all students attending the school will be boarders. the chance to receive this super-

available to students from every socio-economic background. The school will in fact be especially oriented to provide places for talented girls and boys from rural and underdeveloped urban back-

High cest "By having all the children join the school on the same bases, that

is they will all be on scholarships, all boarding and all chosen because of their special capabilities, we feel this will help to integrate the children more which would serve the objectives of the school better," the Jubilee School Project Director, Mrs. Nawal Hasheshu Kamai told the Jordan Times. "Costs however will be igh," she continued, "around JD 1,000 per year per child. To help cover that cost we want to establish a trust fund which will rely on institutions and foundations who would support the school not only because of its objectives, but because eventually the graduates from the school rve the community. We have received every encouraging support from the government who, we hope, will support the project both financially and from the human resource point of view. We also hope the parents who can afford to would also

In addition to its role of providing superior secondary education tn children from all walks nf life, the Jubilee School will have other important purposes. According to the school's prospectus the

of the commitment to quality education and as a laboratory to put advanced programmes into practice; it would stimulate higher standards of secondary education; it would contribute to the development and testing of curri-cula, instructional methods and materials; it would provide programmes and experiences for faculty from other schools in the Kingdom and neighbouring countries and finally it would offer facilities and resources to student groups for conferences, meetings and special educational prog-

The first steps towards establishing the school are already underway as set by a special plan of action proposed by an outside consultant. The school has a 210 dunnm site, donated by the Jordanian Armed Forces and located in the vicinity of the Royal Scientific Society and the University of Jordan. In order to achieve the hest possible architectural design for the prolect, an architectural competition was set.

The winning scheme submitted by the local firm of Jafar Tukan and Partners, relies on the idea of a series of low rise buildings that hug the contours of the land. Carefully worked out, the design not naly fulfilled the clients brief but achieved an aesthetically pleasing solution that should, once huilt, harmonise with the surrounding landscape.

In addition to classrooms, laboratories, art and technical

workshops and the usual support cipal. During the first three years facilities there will be a library, a multi-purpose hall seating 650 people, a gymnasium, two swimming pools, a track and football field and baskethall and tennis cnurts. Five boarding hnuses accommodating 60 students each will be provided for girls and another five for boys.

Staff selection

While construction is being carried out, staff and then the students would be selected.

"We have already started tn set criteria by which staff will be appointed," Mrs. Kamal said. "A school of this kind is very demanding and we will need teachers whn are not only good in their disciplines but who are committed to their work. We also have a prospective training programme which will enable the selected staff to attend further training both in Jordan and abroad. These courses will cover aspects of gifted education as well as training in their special disciplines. Even our administration staff will have to be specially selected and trained for this school," Mrs. Kamal added.

The faculty in student ratio, one teacher per 18 students, will be kept low in order to allow for individualised attention and a

100 boys and 100 girls will be enrolled, the primary criteria for admission heing academic achievement, personality, physical fitness and a potential for superinr performance.

At present we are starting to prepare the instruments and tools we need to measure these criteria," Mrs. Kamal said, "and these tools must be experimented with and developed until we are sure they are good enough to select the right child."

After these criteria have been prepared students from each preparatory school in the country will be invited to apply. Achievement and aptitude tests will be used to screen the applicants and the list will be narrowed down to approximately 500. More tests designed to reveal special talents and abilities will be given resulting in the selection of 150 girls and 150 boys. The last step will be personal interviews from which the final 200 students will be chosen.

Beyond academics

The Jubilee School programme will be set so that it will reach beyond academic training in order to develop student's ahilities in a variety of fields appropriate to the aims of the school and variety of activities that are re- the capacities and talents of the lated to a full educatinnal prog- students. While following the Ministry of Education's require-Ultimately the school will be ments in principle, the school will composed of two sections of have unusual freedom in develop approximately 300 boys and 300 its own curriculum, textbooks girls each headed by a vice prin- and methods. Furthermore the

resident-boarding school concept will permit the school to contribute to all areas of students life, intellectual, cultural, vocational, social and moral.

Students will be encouraged to participate in activities of particular interest to them such as art, music, drama, photography, electronics as well as in community service projects such as helping at a hospital or a primary school, teaching adults to read, ctc. "We would like the students,

where possible, to work in their own localities. As well as providing assistance in areas that might not otherwise receive it, this also would prevent the children being cut nff from their nwn backgrounds," Mrs. Kamal said. Endurance and self-reliance

would be fostered through camping and hiking expeditions under difficult conditions, while a comprehensive sports programme would develop leadership, sportsmanship and team spirit.

To aid in the development of the Kingdom's educational system, special programmes for teachers would be designed which would allow them to work with teachers from the Juhilee school. The experience these teachers would acquire in the methods of teaching developed at the school could then be shared with their colleagues in their own districts. Students from other schools would also be allowed to make use of the Jubilee School's library, laboratories and clubs when not in use especially over the summer months.

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WEATHER

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It will be not and dry weather during the day with easterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, the winds will be southerly moderate and calm seas.

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 32.6, Aqaba 37.8. Humidity readings: Amman 16 per cent, Aqaba 18

Min./max. temp. 17 / 32

22 / 38

JTV Channel 2 Preview

Sat. — May 14, 1988

8:30 Yes Prime Minister

9:10 Man and Music

Mozart: Dropping the Patron Mozart was one of the first composers to try and make a living as a freelance. For the first five years of his life in Vienna he met with considerable success, thanks mainly to his prowess on the keyboard and the acclaim he received for his operas The Abduction from the Seraglio and The Marriage of Figaro.

8:30 News in English 10:20 Feature Film The Secret of Blood Island

A girl parachutist secret agent is smuggled into a Japanese POW camp and out again. Absurd blood and thunder, almost perversely enjoyable - hut not

Sun. — May 15, 1988

8:30 Check it Out

Howard Bannister, a harassed supermarket manager who dreams of a better life beyond the checkouts. He runs a tight ship, despite a tidal wave of employee inefficiency, and struggles to keep the peace between his irrepressible staff and colourful cus-

9:10 World in Flames 10:00 News in English 10:20 Private Eye 11:30 Rich man, poor man

Mon. — May 16, 1988

8:30 Perfect Strangers

9:10 Secret Army Trapped

10:00 News in English

10:20 Feature Film The Glenn Miller Story Starring: James Stewart

The story of one of the greatest of American "big band" leaders. It is the story of Miller's rise from obscurity and poverty to fame and wealth which was lovingly charted and generously punctuated by his music.

Tue. - May 17, 1988

8:30 I married Dora When he draws up his will, Peter break his promise to Dora and leaves custody of the children to his rich sister-in-law.

9:10 Nuclear Weapons This episode discusses the nuclearweapons, and the complex re-. lations between the buyers, the dealers and the government offi-

10:00 News in English

10:20 Murder She wrote Unfinished Business

11:30 Rich man, poor man Wed. — May 18, 1988

8:30 Guiness Records

9:00 Hooperman

9:30 Twilight Zone

10:00 News in English 10:20 Jenny's War.

Mini Series

Starring Dyan Cannon, Ellie Sommer, Robert Hardy The story of Jenny Baines who wants only to find her son. In-stead, she finds herself trapped in a prisoner of war camp with 15,000 men — and the Gestapo hunting her down.

Thur. — May 19, 1988

8:30 Charlie Chaplin The Rink

9:10 Wish me Luck

10:00 News in English 10:20 Feature Film

Penalty phase Starring: Peter Strauss Dol hang this man or set him free

on the technicality? That is the question facing Judge Kenneth Hoffman. It's not an easy question to answer when elections are in one week and the accused is an admitted murder rapist. Get ready for an explosion of emotions and politics in Penalty Phase.

Fri. — May 20, 1988

8:30 Carol Burnett

9:10 Magnum

10:00 News in English

10:20 Falcon Crest

11:10 Rich man, poor man



Jenny Baines (Dyan Cannon), disguised as a man, is the only woman in a prisoner of war camp with 15,000 men in Nazi Germany in Jenny's War

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WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

☆ Plastic Art Festival by 30 Jordanian and Arab artists at Tower autiding.

Permanent hook exhibition, at Tower Building, Jabai Amman, 3rd Circle.

☆ School exhibition, at Sukaina aust Al Hussein School, Jabal Hussein.

Arabic Calligraphy exhibition, by Abdul Rahim Al Tawil and Abdullah Al Shamaileh, at the Islamic Cultural

VIDEO FOR CHILDREN

☆ "Pippi Langstrumpf" (German) at 4:00 p.m. at the Goethe Institute

CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 661026/7 Goethe Institute 641993 Soviet Cultural Centre 644203 644203 Sponish Cultural Centre . 639777 Haya Aris Centre Hussein Youth City Y.W.C.A.

MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. • 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. • 6:00 pm. Closed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the anti-quities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 19.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.).

Closed Tuesdays. Jerdan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Munta-

zah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Tucsdays. Tel. 630128. Mariyes' Memorial | Milliary Mascam): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916 Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

CHURCHES

St. Jaseph Charch (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman. Tel. 624590. Church of the Annunciation [Roman Catholic] Jubal Luweibdeh, Tel. 637440

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De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic)
Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.

Terresonta Church (Roman Catholic).
Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30
p.m. Tcl: 622366 Church of the Annunciation | Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541. Anglican Church (Church of the Re-deemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 625383. chaplam's residence tel. 601359.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fieh, Tel. 775261. St. Ephraim Church (Syttan Orthodox1 Ashrafieh, Tel. 771751. Amman International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534. Evangelical Lutheran Church | Church

Arraenian Catholic Church Ashrafich.

of the Good Shepherd) Amman. Ara-bic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 811295). Rainbow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) Interdenominational-ecumenial English Service: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Tel. 822605, Rev. Veli.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) 815817, 821264

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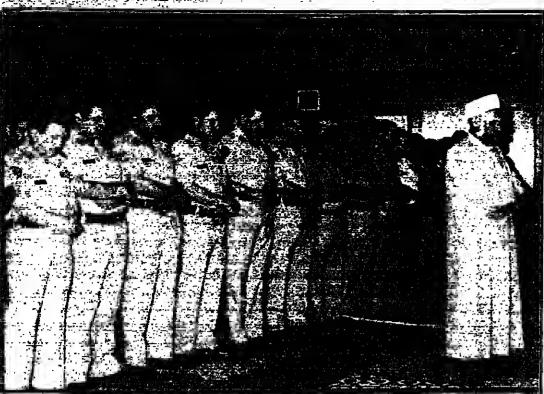
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IFTAR FOR ARMED FORCES: 4-med Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker Thursday hosted an iftar banquet at Al Hussein Youth City for senior officers from the Armed Forces, Public security, Civil Defence and Intelligence Departments. Later Sharif Zaid attended a ceremony held at the

Palace of Culture on the occasion of Lailat Al Qadr (the night when the Holy Koran was revealed) and distributed awards to winners of 'pilgrimage competition." Senior army officers attended the ceremony. The photo shows the musty of the Armed Forces leads the prayers before the iftar banquet (Petra photo)

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ROYAL DECREE: A Royal Decree has been issued endorsing an amendment to the law of organisation and building within municipal councils' boundaries. Under the new revised law, owners of violating huildings will be allowed to settle their violations in accordance with the provisions of the law.

BIG FISH: A fisherman in Aqaba has caught a seven-metre-long fish on the Aqaba coast according to a report in Al Ra'i Arabic daily. The paper said the fisherman had to ask the help of the ports authority to pull the fish out of the water.

DRUG TRAFFICKER JAILED: The military court has sentenced Ghazi Ali Ibrahim Al Angar to five years in prison and the payment nf a JD 500 fine for trafficking with bashish. The military governor has endersed the sentence.

TEAM TO GO TO HUNGARY: A team from the Civil Service Consumer Corporation (CSCC) will go to Hungary after the Eid Al Fitr Feast to conclude contracts on the purchase of consumer products. Al Ra'i Arabic daily said that another team will go to China shortly for a similar mission.

TALKS IN TUNIS: Jordan's ambassador in Tunis Talal Al Hassan Thursday discussed with Tunisian Minister of Cultural Affairs existing bilateral cooperation in the cultural field as well as organising a Jordanian cultural week in Tunis.

FOOD FACTORY CLOSED: The Public Safety Committee in Na'our district has closed down a foodstuff factory and a number of restanrants and shops for violating public bealth and safety regula-tions. The committee chairman said that violators of sucb regulations will be prosecuted.

CENTRES FOR HANDICAPPED: The Ministry of Social Development will open four new centres for the rehabilitation of handicapped people in Jordan in cooperation with the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS), according to Al Dustour Arabic daily. It quoted Ismail Abdul Qader, director of the ministry's Special Education Department as saying that the four centres will be established in Amman, Jerash, Tafileh and the Jordan Valley.

ident Ali Khamenei were holding crisis talks with delegates of the

two warring factions at the Ira-

Hizbollah's fighters won con-

trol of 70 per cent of the shuns

before the latest cease-fire was

proclaimed Wednesday. Police said Friday's drive left only the

Shivah district under Amal's con-

Police earlier said the truce bad

been strained because Hizbollah

refused to withdraw from areas

demanded restoration of all the

bases it lost to Amal in South

Lebanon last month, in return for

withdrawal in South Beirut.

Geagea survives attack

In another development, secur-

ity sources in predominantly Christian east Beirut said hard-

line militia leader Samir Geagea

survived an apparent assassina-

tion attempt Thursday night when a car packed with explo-

sives blew up as his convoy was

sailed through the Suez Canal, en

route to the Arabian Sea, where

it will operate in support of the

U.S. escort operations in the

The Lloyd's agency, which

monitors commercial shipping

activity worldwide and Thurs-

day had confirmed one of two

Iragis hit

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two vessels

The spokesman said Hizbollah

captured from Amal.

1000 fires reported in 1988

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Civil Defence Department (CDD) has reported 1,000 fires in different parts of Jordan in 1988. Al Dustour Arabic daily quoted CDD Deputy Director Colonel Dhib Maani as saying that tens of thousands of dinars were wasted as a result of these fires which happened mostly due to careless-

The paper also reported the death of four people and the injury of several others in road accidents that occurred in Amman and other areas of the

Ministry aide inspects government projects

SALT (Petra) — The Director General of the Ministry of Public Works inspected Thursday a number of government construction projects. The most prominent among

these projects is the Al Hussein Hospital Project in Salt which will be finished in the middle of next

Another project is the civil defence building which will be finished in June.

struction projects is JD 2 million.

Amman to expand computer system

AMMAN (Petra) — The Greater Amman Municipality has agreed to a project which will expand the computer system in the munici-pality to link 20 different areas of the municipality, and facilitate the delivery of its services to the public in accordance with the decentralisation theory adopted by the municipality.

During a meeting at the muni-cipality, headed by Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh, it has also decided to implement different new projects, which include building new public parks and maintenance of streets and cleansing the capital.

Rawabdeh also instructed that a flower and house plant exhibition be organised in downtown Amman and rewards to be given to the owners of the prettiest gardens in Amman and the cleanest restauranis.

23 more garbage trucks

Meanwhile. Greater Amman Municipality will increase its fleet of garbage collecting trucks by 23 to boost the municipality's capability of handling the capital's increasing amounts of waste, Rawabdeh said Thursday.

Rawahdeh said that the decision was taken by the municipal ity's council at its meeting in which other issues pertaining to general cleanliness were dis-

The cost of the new trucks he said will be more than JD 709,000 which will be part of \$30 million loan to the municipality from the World Bank.

Rawabdeh announced that the council approved of a tender for setting up a building to house the municipality's laboratories, which will cost JD 360,000.

The project, to be set up near the Independence Street, will be built on a three-dunum plot of land, the mayor said.

The council approved of a visit by Rawabdeh to Rabat in July, accompanied by a municipal council team, to sign a protocol paving the way for closer cooperation between Amman and the Moroccan capital.

3 new post offices opened in Mafraq

MAFRAQ (Petra) - The Department of Telecommunications in the Mafraq governorate opened three new postal services offices in the village of Ein Zanica and Um Al Sarb in the governorate.

The department has also decided to open a new postal office in the city of Mafraq to improve the postal services in the city and The total cost of these con-

was prevented by pouce from parking in front of the embassy,

was racing to warn his accomplice

not to detonate the bomb by

The four-wheel Mitsubishi Pa-

jero exploded on a bridge 200 metres from the embassy, killing

the driver and two Cyrpiot pas-

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held in Cairo over three days. The director general of the Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions said the meeting which was attended by delegates from ten Arab countries had recommended that a fund, based in Cairo, is established to support the uprising.

The delegations also recommended that the May 15 and Dec. 28 of every year be commemorated as a show of solidarity by Arab labour unions with the Palestinians and to mark the memory of the first day of the

Palestinian uprising respectively. The director general also indicaled that the participants bave called on all Arab labourers to call on Iran to accept United Nations Security Council Resolution 598 which calls for an end to the 8-year-old Iran-Iraq war, and to pressure all parties who have been suplying Iran with arms and ammunition to discontinue their support, in order to force Iran into accepting a peaceful end to the war.

Ministry arranges for 136 summer camps

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Ministry of Education has made arrangements for setting up 136 summer camps in different parts of the Kingdom during the coming surn-mer, according to Hassan Alaud-din, director of the ministry's Students Affairs Department.

He was quoted by Al Ra'i Arabic daily as saying that stu-dents from different schools will be allowed to join these camps and take part in their different activities. The estimated 20,000 participants will embark on these activities early in August.



His Rnyal Highness Crown Prince Hassan attends a religious ceremony at Abu Qoura Mosque in Amman Thorsday. Also present are Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat

(Prince Hassan's right) and Minister of Trade, Industry and Supply

Lailat Al Qadr marked at Abu Qoura Mosque

Khayyat calls for Muslim solidarity to face threats

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan attended a religious ceremony held Thursday evening at Ahu Qoura Mosque in Amman to celebrate Lailat Al Qadr (the night when the Holy Koran was revealed).

Prince Hassan and the worshipers heard a sermon by Minister of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat on the occasion, referring to the early Muslims' struggle and calling on Muslims to maintain their solidarity in the face of external threats.

The Ministry of Awgaf's Secretary General Abdul Salam Abbadi addressed the worshipers at the outset of the ceremony which also included recitation of verses of the Koran.

Prince Hassan visits JUST Prince Hassan earlier visited Jordan University of Science and

returns

from Egypt

AMMAN (Petra) - A Jordanian

labour union delegation returned

from Cairo Thursday after repre-senting Jordan in the Arab

Labour Union meeting for the

support of the steadfastness of

the Palestinian uprising in the

occupied territories, which was

the university president and the

The Prince conveyed to the guests His Majesty King Hussein's greetings and spoke about higher education in the Kingdom, paying tribute to efforts being made at the higher level of education in the country.

Referring to community colleges, he said, they offer courses enabling graduates to find jobs in different fields. But be said more

needs so that the graduates may not become unemployed.

Prince Hassan said Jordan is now receiving a large number of Jordanian expatriates returning to settle in the country from the Gulf Arab states.

These returning citizens enjoy Technology (JUST) near Irhid a high level of skills in administra-and hosted an iftar hanquet for tion but Jordan finds it impossible to absorb them in their different staff, attended by Minister of Higher Education Nassereddin development," Prince Hassan

Prince Hassan announced that he will be making tours of different governorates in the coming three months to maintain a dialogue with the public on issues of concern to all citizens in the

Referring to school education stage in the country, Prince Hassan said that children under sixefforts should be made to link teen years of age in some areas

courses to the labour market's were leaving school, thus increasing the problem of illiteracy in

> He suggested that the compulsory stage at schools ne extended until children are at least 16 years

> The concerned authorities are now studying the prospect of offering students who complete their secondary education to serve their conscription period before absorbing them in health, agricultural, maintenance and other fields, and later allow them to enrol at universities, when they are more mature, Prince Hassan

> Referring to teachers he said that their training should be with-in a comprehensive strategy in the Kingdom, preparing them to become tools for social change.

Following Prince Hassan's speech there was an open dialogue in which university teachers

Jordanian-Egyptian committee to meet Labour AMMAN (J.T.) - The Joint Minister of International Coop- bilateral economic and trade delegation

Jordanian-Egyptian Higher committee cn-chaired by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Atef Sid-Amman by the middle of June, according to a report in Al Dustour Arabic daily.

It said that the joint committee will discuss the process of economic integration between the two countries and the implementation of joint projects and means for promoting bilateral trade.

Meanwhile in Cziro, the Minis-Secretary General Mohammad Saqqaf met with the Egyptian in the Kingdom.

Minister Zaid Rifai and Atef Sidki will bold its two day meeting in IFAD aide, ministry discuss small farmers

AMMAN (Petra) - A specialist from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Dr. Mohammad Hasani held talks bere Thursday with the secretary general of the Ministry of Social Development and other try of Industry and Trade's officials projects for improving living conditions of small farmers

Discussion also covered schemes to be financed through an IFAD loan for improving the lot of low income families living

in rural regions of the Kingdom. The project will be implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Agricultural Credit Corpora-

Ministry to appoint 50 dentists in eastern districts of Amman and

dentists will be appointed to work at Ministry of Health clinics during 1988 to raise the number of dentists at government health centres to 170, Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh announced Thursday.

The minister, who was speaking at the inauguration of the Quweismen Health Centre near Amman, said that the Health Ministry has so far provided primary health care services to 40,000 residents living in the town nearly 90 per cent of the King-dom's population through health

The Health Ministry is em-

ploying all means available to it in-order to spread health centres all over the country with the purpose of responding to a World Health Organisation call on all countries to achieve primary bealth service to all people by the year 2,000. Hamzeh said.

It is hoped, he said, that Jordan will achieve that goal before the end of the century.

The new centre at Quweismeh will provide services to some as well as Naharieh, Um Nuwara, Hay Amawi, and the Interior Ministry Housing Estate, in addinon to low-income families living

Al Wibdat. The centre which bas been

provided with a full staff of doctors and nurses offers mother and child care, health education sessions and school health services. With the inauguration of this centre the Ministry of Health has

care centres in the Amman region over the past two months. The other four are located at Naour, Um Tineh, Nuzha and

thus opened five primary health

Nazzal districts. Several health officials and loc-

al notables attended the opening



Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh inaugurates a new health centre at Quweishmeh near Amman Thursday (Petra photo)

Syrians kill 5 Hizbollahis

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Beirut's slums. A police spokesman said an aide of a senior Syrian officer was killed by a Hizbollah sniper on the Syrian-controlled bighway that runs through the embattled

slums at mid-afternoon.

Al Shiraa, a Beirut-based weekly, said the hostages were moved to Amin's house in a relatively safer south Beirut area, but did not name the neighbourhood where the bouse is located.

Shi'ite sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Amin's house is in Manshieh street in the Harek Hreik slum about 50 metres from the residence of Sheikh Mobammad Hussein Fadiallah, spiritual leader of Hizbollah.

The weekly, which was the first

to report the secret U.S. arms

sales to Iran in November 1986. did not say where in south Beirut the hostages were imprisoned before they were moved. Syrian troops moved into most' of west Beirut on Feb. 22 last year to end militia battles and balt

hijackings and kidnappings. But they kept out of the southern suburbs. Hizbollah's advance out of the suburbs gave its fighters control over access from Beirut to Sonth Lebapon and the airport, the only

public air link between Lebanon and the outside world. Witnessess and security sources said Hizbollah fighters tore Lebanese flags from government buildings and replaced them with

Iranian flags during their offensive Friday. An Amai communique asked that Syria and Iran take joint action to "punish Hizbollah for its premeditated violation of the cease-fire, in accordance with the

provisions of the truce agree-

Police said the personal representatives of Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and Iranian Pres- claimed Iraqi air attacks

Arafat denounces Nicosia blast

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larly with a view to follow up the activities of Arab visitors." He told foreign newsmen the introduction of visa restrictions

was also being considered "for certain countries," which be did not name. The local office of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) had issued a statement shortly

crime.' That came after an anonymous caller telephoned the American

Police arrested the man with the detonator near the bridge and after the hlast denying involve-ment and denouncing "this ugly identified him as Omar Ahwad Hawillo, 28. The dead driver whose body was pulverised by the explosion was identified by fing-

television network NBC in New York claiming responsibility for the blast for the notorious anti-Arafat Palestinian leader Sabri Al Banna, better known as Abu

Interior Minister Christodoulos Veniamin said two Lehanese men crime." were responsible for the deadly

erprints from a severed hand found some distance from the Veniamin named bim as Kaddour Gaonajm and said there was evidence that "these two persons

cooperated in committing the Vassiliou said that in addition blast in what he called a bungled to Arafat's message, the Arab

attempt to blow up the embassy. amhassadors in Nicosia also had He said Thursday the explosion collectively denounced the came as the driver of the car, who attack.

Snap elections seen in French cards

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post as foreign minister and Jean-the political situation," as Gis-Pierre Chevenement was card later told reporters. appointed defence minister.

(Continued from page 1) Conservatives said the most but was not itself attacked. There was no way immediately to reconcile the conflicting reports. Iran does not divulge deparliament immediately. He was tails of Iraqi raids on its coastal named minister for relations with A U.S. navy battle group led by the aircraft carrier Forrestal

parliament. Neither of Mitterrand's two prime ministers between 1981 Pierre Mauroy, featured on the new government list. Both men are battling for the influential

vacated by Jospin. Centrist leader and former vitation to centrist politicians to President Valery Giscard d'Es- collaborate with a new governtaing, invited to the Elysee ment, on his terms.

Palace, spent over an hour in talks with Mitterrand, "to analyse

Giscard repeated that the right would not automatically introtelling appointment in Rocard's duce a parliamentary motion of cabinet was that of former communist Jean Poperon, who has emment, but would judge its said Mitterrand should dissolve policies on their merits.

Opinion polls conducted right after Mitterrand's May 8 reelection triumph indicated the Socialists would win a majority of seats and 1986. Laurent Fahius and if an election were called immediately.

Political commentators said if post of head of the Socialist Party the Socialists won a majority, Mitterrand could reissue the in-

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Friday's

Al Ra'i: 'Real rebellion'

IN addressing his people at Maan on Wednesday King Hussein made it clear that the Palestinian uprising was a real rebellion waged by the oopressed people against the occupation forces. It was not a mere show of protest that can end soon, but rather a popular action in the face of the Israeli forces designed to protect the national identity. The uprising's leadership, which declared its strategy in communique number 16, has set the guidelines for further actions and more civil disobedience which is part of the current uprising. The new step means that the uprising and the rebellion were going ahead unabated and that, regardless of the repressive actions and the atrocities, the Arab people of Palestine would pursue the struggle for freedom and for liberating their occupied lands. The multitude of forces massed by the Israelis in Jerusalem to prevent further protests on Friday and to confront the worshipers after the noon prayers will not be able to deter the rebels nor will it ever stop the torrent of the uprising. All indications point to the fact that the current rebellion is gaining momentum and that Arab and Islamic support for the steadfastness of the Palestinian people is bearing fruit. As King Hussein said, this uprising is a real rebellion which requires continued support and oacking from the Arab and Muslim Worlds.

Al Dustour: City with a symbol

KING Hussein chose to address the nation from the spot where his grandfathers launched the resistance against the colonial rulers of Greater Syria. It was from Maan that the Arab forces under the standards of the Great Arab Revolt moved northwards to liberate Arab lands and to pursue efforts for unifying Arab people. Jordan had the honour to bear the standards of the great revolt; and King Hussein inherited the leadership of this country and dedicated his life and efforts to achieving that revolt's objectives. Ever since he assumed leadership of this country the King bas spared no effort to fulfil the aspirations of his people in true commitment to these principles. Since the outbreak of the revolt in Arabia at the turn of the century, Arab people have been struggling against the aggressors and pursuing efforts to abort conspiracies directed against the Arab Nation. King Hussein was careful to point to these facts, referring to the current Arab resistance gainst foreign aftempts to dominate the Arab World from the east in Iraq and from the west in occupied Palestine. The monarch paid trioute to the Iraqi and Palestinian people for their sacrifices and their heroic efforts in repelling the aggressors and in their endeavours to preserve Arab identity and safeguard Arab rights and interests.

Sawt Al Shaab: Uprising escalating

THE Palestinian uprising seems to be escalating everyday, making it clear to the whole world that it is a real rebellion as described by King Hussein in his iftar banquet at Maan. This uprising is a natural reaction to the continued occupation and oppression, and is designed to regain Arab rights and lands in Palestine. The uprising has no doubt ended claims by Israel that through occupation of Arab land the Jewish state has achieved peace and security. King Hussein told his audience that Jordan was committed to help the Palestinians in their struggle and will strive to convene the projected international conference so that a just and durable solution for their problem can be achieved. But this uprising and Jordan's diplomatic efforts require real backing and genuine and serious support on the part of the Arab and Islamic countries. Real support and collective action are also required for extending support for the Iraqi people who are repelling aggression directed against the whole Arab World.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Collective action

AGAIN King Hussein has reiterated his pledge to serve the Jordanian people and the Arab Nation. In an iftar banquet held at Maan the King re-emphasised the basic principles of the Jordanian political stand and the Kingdom's commitments towards the Palestinian people and land. His speech at Maan was a renewed pledge for the Arab Nation that Jordan will pursue the struggle and the active work in cooperation with Arab countries for rescuing the holy places and liberating the Arab land from occupation. Jordan under King Hussein and through the Amman Arab summit was able to strengthen Arab countries stands and unify their positions not only towards joint action but also towards liberating usurped Arab territory and repelling aggression. King Hussein's call for the formation of a pan-Arab corps was a clear indication of this country's readiness to protect every inch of the homeland and to confront any eventuality. But at the same time, the King said Jordan was for peace and would do everything possible to arrive at a durable settlement ensuring the rights of the Palestinians.

Al Dustour: Frank and open

KING Hussein spoke frankly and openly in an interview with the Kuwaiti news daily Al Qabas pointing out Jordan's policies towards the Palestine issue and the international conference. The monarch reiterated Jordan's position and said that this country cannot act on behalf of the PLO in the projected international peace conference but will strive to convene that conference which should be attended by the PLO along-side all the concerned parties for the sake of achieving a lasting settlement. The King's words were frank and clear in reviewing the situation in the occupied territories: and he said that the current uprising had shaken the earth from under Israel's feet.

Beirut Shi'ite battles said linked to political power-sharing

By Samia Nakhoul Reuter

BEIRUT — Behind the see-saw bloody battles in Beirut's southern suburbs is a struggle among pro-Syrian and pro-Iranian Shi ite militias jockeying for power in an expected new government for Lebanon, analysts say.

They said Syrian-backed Amal militia were trying to eliminate fellow Shi'ites of the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) from one of their last strongholds to exclude them from power-sharing in a new government.

But with the two outside backers Syria and Iran apparently unwilling to jeopardise their ties for the sake of their Lebanese allies, the Amal-Hizbollah clash was unlikely to bring victory to either of the two parties the short-term, they added.

news analysis

Fierce battles between them for the control of Beirut's southern suburbs have engulfed the area since last Friday, killing at least 143 people and wounding

The fighting comes less than four months before the Lenanese parliament is due to elect a new president. A new government is expected to be formed soon after and Lebanese of all shades are already positioning themselves

"Hizboliah is fighting to consolidate its military status as a bargaining card in any political settlement that will accompany the election," one political

Despite differences over Leba-

non, Syria and Iran have been Lebanese Christians to press working together to try to produce an effective ceasefire to to end Christian militia control prevent those differences from jeopardising their regional ties.

Political framework

Pro-Syrian political sources said recent U.S.-Syrian talks had reached a consensus on a basic political framework for the runup to the presidential poll, including the exclusion of Christian and Muslim radicals from the political

But Syria, the main foreign power-broker in Lebanon with some 25,000 troops here, is refuctant to see the Muslim hardliners pushed out before their Christians counterparts, the sources

Syria wants the United States to use its influence among

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GREEN LINE WILL THIS AREA

over east Beirut before it deals with Muslim radicals, one source

Since the beginning of the year. Syria and the United States have been unusually working together to ease Lebanese tensions and prepare the ground for a successor to President Amin Gemayel, a Christian who ends his six-year term in September.

The American-Syrian political settlement envisaged the deployment of Syrian troops in the Shi'ite suburbs together with a takeover by the Lebanese army in east Beirut and the ousting of the Christian Lebanese Forces (LF) militia, the sources said.

"Syria won't crush Hizbollah

without a price and so far they haven't got it," one independent analyst said.

"As long as the (Christian) hardliners are still in control of east Beirut, Damascus will not take action against Hizbollah, which has fought Israel in South Lebanon," he said in an apparent reference to the popularity gained by Hizbollah for its willinguess to confront Israel.

An earlier Syrian-led attempt to settle power-sharing in Lebanon and meet Muslim demands for more say collapsed in 1986 when Gemayel and LF commander Samir Geagea refused to endorse it. Since then, the LF has been Syria's staunchest oppo-

War of attrition?

Officials with links to both Hiz-

fighting in the suburbs will turn

into a war of attrition. Damascus will wait nntil both sides are weakened before intervening to separate the com-

batants, they added. "Even if Syrian troops deploy in the suburbs, they will avoid a military showdown with Hizbollah because this would upset the strategic alliance with Iran," said one analyst.

"Iran in turn is keen more than ever to protect its relations with its only Arab ally," he added. Damascus is Tehran's main

Arab backer in its war with Iraq. Iran, seeking a power base in Lebanon, has been steadily increasing its influence among Lebanon's Shi'ites, estimated to number 1.2 million among a

bollah and Amal believe the population of 3.4 million.

Hizbollah, which emerged af-ter Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, has challenged Ainal's supremacy in South Lebanon by keeping up military pressure on Israeli troops and their Christianled militia allies.

Hizbollah took a severe battering in three days of clashes between the two sides across South Lebanon last month and the Beirut suburbs, which it is now defending, are its main stron-

Another obstacle facing Syria's deployment in the 41-squarekilometre semi-autonomous suburbs is the presence of some of the 22 foreign hostages there.

"Syria will face international pressure to free the hostages when and if it enters the suburbs... This is a tight spot for Syria because the hostage issue is an Iranian concern," said an Amal security official in an apparent reference to alleged links between Iran and the hostage-

Hizbollah, inspired by the re-volutionary fervour of Iranian spiritual leader Avatoliah Ruhollah Khomeini, seeks an Islamic state in this part-Muslim, part-Christian country.

Amal, founded by Iranianborn cleric Imam Musa Sadr in the mid 1970's, demands political reforms that will give the Muslims a bigger share in the government with the Christians.

Amai has a more moderate image, taking part in the government and helping to free some of the foreign hostages held in Leba-non by Shi'ite radicals.

Gorbachev expects endorsement of reforms

By Carol J. Williams The Associated Press

MOSCOW - Soviet leader Mikhai! Gorbachev wants only supporters of his reform programme to atted an upcoming Communist Party conference, ignoring the past quota system for choosing delegates from different social groups.

In a weekend meeting with prominent editors, Gorbachev said old methods of choosing delegates to party conferences would be scrapped for the party gathering planned for June 28, the first of its kind since 1941.

The 5,000 people to take part should be chosen solely on the basis of their support for the reforms, he said. "There must be no more

quotas, as were the case in the past, specifying how many factory workers and farmers and how many women are to be elected, among others," Gorbachev said.
"The principal political directive is to elect active supporters of perestroika to go to the confer-

Others who spoke at the meeting appeared to endorse that approach and perestroika. Gorbachev's effort to rebuild Soviet

The 57-year-old party chief met with the media and ideology leaders on Saturday, but full reports on the exchange were released by the official TASS news agency Tuesday night and early Wednesday.

Gorbachev complained that conservatism continues to pose the biggest threat to his reforms and that the doubters have raised questions about whether the nation is turning away from Socialism.

By Robert Mahoney

Reuter

CHANDIGARH, India - Politi-

cians in Punjab view the world

Fences and machine-gun em-

placements surround the homes

garh, state capital of the north

Indian state of Punjab, symbolis-

ing their isolation from power as

Sikh separatists fight for an inde-

Politics have been squeezed

out by the extremists and Prime

Minister Rajiv Gandhi, bringing

Punjab down to straight battle

between a few hundred gunmen

and 70,000 police and paramilit-

In the middle stand Punjab's 17

million Sikhs and Hindus becom-

ing increasingly polarised as

separatist killings rise daily and

Thousands of Hindu families

have fled their homes in separat-

ist strongholds along the Pakista-

ni border. Thousands of young

Sikhs lie in jail for suspected

Members of Gandhi's Congress

(I) Party from the state bave

asked him to declare an emergen-

cy in Punjab and send in the

Sikh leaders want him to dis-

miss the governor he appointed a

year ago to rule the state for New

'terrorist' links.

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ary troops.

"Some people have indeed lost

their bearings amid all these pro-

"Some people have failed to keen their heads and panicked," he said. "And the panic - and this is very senious — has taken the form of asking: 'isn't perestroika coming to mean the wrecking and rejection of the values of socialism, isn't it giving rise to alien phenomena, isn't it destabilising society'?".

Gorbachev said not everyone who fears his reforms or has resisted them should be branded 'an opponent of perestroika." The Kremlin's no. 2 man. ideo-

sion in the minds of many people - workers, intellectuals and administrators alike," Gorbachev

"And let us be blunt, not only on the ground level, but also on

He did not make clear whether misurderstanding about his plans to bring about a more democratic society and stronger economy reached as high as the 13-member politburo over which he presides.

The Kremlin's no. 2 man, idologist Yegor K. Ligachev, is reputed to advocate a more conservative approach to resolving the nation's problems than Gorbachev, although the extent of their differences is known to few

outside the ruling politburo. The June 28 party conference is expected to change the face of the party leadership and replace conservatives with more active supporters of perestroika.

"It is necessary to rid socialism of everything pseudosocialist, distorted and deformed in the period of the personality cult," influences of late dictator Josef Stalin, who ruled the country for

Delhi and hold elections.

The governor, Siddhartha

Shankar Ray and his advisor.

former police chief Julio Ribeiro.

are identified by many leaders

with harsh policing they say is

alienating Punjan's eight million

Gandhi sacked the elected

moderate Sikh Akali Dal govern-

ment in May 1987 for what he

called its failure to curb terror-

ism, one month before a crucial

election in neighbouring Hindu-

majority Haryana state. Since

then the number of kulings has

soared, and Congress lost the

Parties irrelevant

irrelevant in Punjab," Ray told

Reuters. "The battle seems to be

between a group of anti-national

terrorists on one side and the

Akali Dal leaders believe Gan-

dhi is not interested in a political

solution and has not realised the

implications of having engineered

structure in the villages to

cushion Sikhs from the police and

administration and take up their

grievances," said one village

headman from Gurdaspur dis-

"Villagers see the boys (separ-

trict, a separatist hothed.

There is now no political

their downfall.

people of Punjab on the other.'

"Political parties are slightly

election.

Gorbachev's call for electing cesses under way," Gorbachev reformists to the party conference drew support from the editors and cultural leaders, according to the TASS report.

"I would very much wish that the people who with their life and deeds have proved their commitment to perestroika by all means would get to the party conference and, on the contrary, that people who oppose it, who hamper its progress would not be present at the conference," said Kirill Layrov, head of the Soviet Theatrical

Prominent editors like Sergei Zalygin of the Journal Novy Mir (New World) and Ivan Laptiev of the government newspaper Izvestia said the reforms themselves have introduced new problems and a lot of uncertainty.

those whom we describe as the mass of the people - the intellectuals, the working class and the peasantry - that all of them are delighted with perestroika," Zalygin said. He criticised the party and media for at times being poor listeners and failing to heed public opinion.

Laptev also blamed the staterun press for some of the problems encountered in the reform

As an example, he cited the media silence and distortion of events in Nagorno-Karabakh, a region of Azerbaijan that ethnic Armenians want annexed to their

Large demonstrations and clashes between ethnic groups took place in Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh, but Soviet Gorbachev said, referring to the authorities prevented foreign journalists from travelling to the area and the Soviet media failed 29 years before his death in 1953. to report some developments.

atists) as the only people standing up to the police and taking their

Moderates believe few Sikhs

support a separate state the ex-

tremists call Khalistan. But they

sense a growing feeling of Sikh unity in the face of what many see

as government repression and a teodency by Hindu opinion mak-

ers to lump moderate and mili-

separate state," said Balwant

Singh, number two in the dismis-

sed Akali government. "But

Sikhs realise that this government is not going to give them justice

but is pushing them up against the

wall," he told Reuters. "The cen-

tre (Delhi) has given the Sikhs an

Many Sikhs believe Congress is

exploiting the Punjah conflict to

woo vital Hindu votes in north

India. Gandhi must call an elec-

non by the end of next year and

faces seven important by-elec-

Some Sikhs think Gandhi is

merely waiting for the right time

to impose an emergency in the

state to show Hindus he is dealing

He armed himself with the

power to call an emergency by

amending the constitution last

rights in Punjab and would per-

It allows for suspension of civil

"Sikhs are not in favour of a

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emotional unity."

tions next month.

with terrorism.

Politics sidelined in Punjab, Sikh alienation grows

side," he said.

Regan book: A laughing matter for America's image?

By Joan Mower The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Don Regan's revelations about life and stargazing in the White House may be a laughing matter to some, but some experts are worrying that his memoir could damage America's image abroad. "There is no doubt that his

type of so-called revelations are harmful because... they give foreigners the impression that U.S. officials are not to be trusted." says Richard Helms, the former CIA director. "This tends to erode their credibility." Regan was White House chief

of staff until he was forced out in early 1987, reportedly after a feud with first lady Nancy Reagan. His Book, For the Repassive president, loathe to make decisions and manipulated by a wife held hostage to the stars.

Books like Regan's "diminish the president's stature, and for the rest of the Western world, so much depends on the president's presinge," said Henry Brandon,. longtime Washington correspondent for the London Sunday Times and now a visiting scholar at the Brookings Institution, a liberal think thank.

With a U.S.-Soviet summit in Moscow less than a month away, one Soviet scholar said the book - particularly details of Mrs. Reagan's penchant for astrology - provides fodder for Soviet propaganda.

The revelations may reinforce the perception Soviets have of Americans as a weird, superstitious and somewhat untrustworthy breed, said Jerry Hough, a professor at Duke University and the author of a just-published



book, Russia and the West: Gorbachev and the Politics of Re-

The stargazing passages "confirm a picture of America that is a strange and, in many respects, a not totally rational place,'

Soviet concerns

The Soviets have long been concerned that the United States is "not a reliable partner" because of Congress' failure to ratify the SALT II treaty, among other things, Hough said.
The book also says Mrs.

Reagan looked dimly on Raisa Gorbachev's sparkling dinnertable conversation the last time Reagan, Gorbachev and their wives were together.

Several people said Regan's often scornful picture of what

harm to his administration or to the United States. Many foreign governments are biding their time until the next president takes office in January, they say.
The U.S. government is vir-

goes on behind the gates at the White House too late in the

Reagan presidency to do any real

tually crippled with indecision during an election year because no one knows what the future holds, Valentin Falin, the chairman of the Soviet Novosti Press agency, said in a recent interview.

But Helms disagreed. "There is no reason why he can't make foreign policy decisions," he said.

Put in context, Regan's book is not nearly as serious for U.S. foreign policy as, for instance, the Iran-contra affair, in which weapons were secretly sold to Iran and profits diverted to the Nicaraguan rebels, Brandon said.

Diplomats at several embassies declined to be quoted by name in talking about the Regan flap for fear of offending the United States. A few chuckled, but none considered the damage to the U.S. image to be too serious.

"George Shultz might joke about it on the golf course with Bob Hawke," said an Australian, referring to the secretary of state and the Australian prime minister, respectively. "It makes you look a bit silly," he said.

Herman Nickel, the former .S. ambassador to South Africa in the Reagan administration, said books like Regan's are "not helpful in a general sense" to Americans trying to carry out

U.S. policies abroad. At the same time, he said foreigners understand that "people with a grudge tend to tell their

stories."

While diplomats were cautious, foreign reporters had a heyday with the story.

"People abroad think this is just another giggle," said Elgy Gillespie, who writes for the Irish Times in Dublin. "It's just one

Enropeans have often mocked the Reagans for their California tastes and their "glizerati friends at the White House," she said. "What are we going to do for kicks if kiss-and-tell books are

would be introduced. why there is such a fuss made about it," Ribeiro said. The amendment caused uproar in Punjab where Sikhs see it as a measure against ordinary

"The police already have enough powers to deal with terrorism, so who is the emergency aimed at?" Balwant Singh asked. Even some of Gandhi's own party members are critical.

citizens.

to a court. Ray said the amend-

"Many people feel the amendment which suspends the right to life is a gross violation of inalienaole human rights," Gulbir Singh, former Punjab Congress president, said,

People feel parliament is now subordinate to an executive which is ruling arbitrarily in collusion with a pliant judiciary," he said in an interview.

Sikhs complain loudly that all senior administrators under Governor Ray are non-Sikh or even anti-Sikh. But top of a long list of grievances is the alleged killing by police of Sikh detainees in 'fake encounters" — staged escapes or ambushes.

"Police will kill a man in broad daylight," Balwant Singh said. The accusations are most frequently aimed at Ribeiro wbo

mit police to arrest or shoot dead a suspect without accountability vowed to match the separatists 'bullet for bullet" when he became police chief in March 1986. "Here are people flaunting ment was to plug loopholes and weapons, killing innocent people did not mean an emergency and if they are shot I don't see

> "They (complainants) have no right to talk about such things when they should bother about the deaths of innocent persons." Ribeiro rejects charges that Punjab police are corrupt, brutal and inefficient.

> "The police has a deprivational role, it can never be popular," he

> Heavy policing, however, has failed to curb the killings which have soared to 900 so far this year compared with 1,228 in all of 1987 and 640 in 1986.

> "An emergency would be suicidal," Balwant Singh said, "It would further alienate Sikhs and give a boost to the terrorists." Akali member of parliament

Jagit Singh Aurora agrees: "The government has only tried to deal with terrorism in isolation, not in conjunction with politics... This is a short-sighted policy.

By keeping the Sikh leadership fractured and sidelined Delhi has no one to talk to if they realise their mistake," he told Reuters. "In the meantime the cycle of killing and repression will go on." | ever barred?"

more hilarious thing about the

Reagans, isn't it?"

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. studies Kuwaiti quest for F-18s

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is seriously considering Kuwait's request to buy F-18 fighter-bombers and become the first Arah country to have the advanced aircraft, officials said Thursday. "No decision has been made, hut there's a strong inclination to do it," said an official. One issue to be decided is how many planes Knwait should be allowed to buy. The Kuwaitis have asked for 40. "There's interest, but a lot of discussion needs to go on before any decision like that would be considered." another source said. Congress has the power to reject the request, as it has in the past, when asked by President Ronald Reagan to sell particular sophisticated weapons systems to Arah states. The Washington Post, citing unidentified defence and state department sources, said Thursday that the request to Congress would be made soon. Kuwaiti interest in the F-18s was disclosed during congressional testimony earlier this week by Richard Murphy, assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs.

Syrian air, naval units complete exercises

DAMASCUS (R) - Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas has called on the air force and navy to work to improve their fighting skills, the official Syrian News Agency (SANA) said Thursday. SANA said Tlas praised commanders of various air and naval units which took part in manoeuvres ordered by President Hafez Al Assad, who is also general commander of the armed forces.

Israel TV crews demand danger money

TEL AVIV (R) - Camera crews at Israel Television are demanding danger money to go into the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, broadcasting sources said Thursday. The sources said the management offered several months ago a bonus of a weekend at a five-star hotel for each 15 days worked in the occupied territories but failed to keep the pledge.

Security tightened at U.S. embassy in Sanaa

SANAA (R) - Soldiers have replaced police guarding the U.S. emhassy in North Yemeo after a rocket-propelled grenade was fired at the mission, embassy sources said Thursday. They said troops with machineguns were posted around the embassy in the centre of Sanaa and at a new emhassy complex being built on the outskirts of the city. The grenade Wednesday was fired from a nearby building into the amhassador's empty office, the sources said. No one was hurt and damage was confined to broken windows and masonry. The government has made no comment so far on the attack.

Poisonous spill kills Israeli driver

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israeli army belicopter rescued hundreds of civilians Thursday from the reach of poisonous fumes after a semitrailer carrying bromine overturned in southern Israel, killing the driver, police said. Police also closed a 115-kilometre stretch of road for 24 hours as clouds of orange smoke hillowed above the spill, witnesses said. The area is about 100 kilometres south of Jerusalem on the road to Eilat. Nine Israelis were also treated at hospitals for burns and breathing difficulties, said a police spokesman. He said it was unclear what caused the early morning accident on a main highway just south of the Dead Sea.

Singer urges non-violent revolt

to discuss the situation of Amer-

Before leaving Washington,

Whitehead said he wanted to find

out if Algeria was privy to in-

formation about the nine Amer-

ican hostages held hy pro-lra-

nians, and whether Algeria could

play a role in ohtaining their

Algeria has a long history of

accessful mediation, particularly

in hostage situations, and it is

thought Algeria may have played

a role in the release of the last

three French hostages in Leba-

No information on the subject

filtered from Whitehead's talks in

Algeria at the time. However, the

Saudi oewspaper Al Sharq Al

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ican hostages in Lebanon.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — American folk-singer Joan Baez pleaded for non-violent struggle hy Palestinians against Israeli occupation as she took the stage for a concert in Arah Jerusalem Thursday. Baez, who arrived Wedoesday, sang an Arabic song, then asked Palestinian singers who performed earlier to join in singing "Freedom" and "Biko." The audience of 400 clapped and sang along with Baez as she stood behind a sign reading: "Palestinian self-determination is the path to peace."

U.S. indicates belief Israel behind Abu Jihad killing

TUNIS (Agencies) — U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead has said that it considered the assassination of a senior Palestinian leader in Tunis a reprehensible action on the part

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It was the first intimation that the United States blamed Israel for last mooth's killing of Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad), the Palestine Liberatioo Organisation's deputy military commander.

Whitehead told a news conference Thursday he had made Washingtoo's views on the killing quite clear in talks with Tunisian leaders.

We confirmed... that the Uothis incident and found it a reprehensible action on the part of Israel and that we had absolutely no knowledge of the incident or

participation in it," he said. Pressed to confirm that the United States was now openly accusing Israel of the attack, he

well, of course, none of us know for sure, do we? And we don't know for sure. But we haven't heard denials, so we can

Israel is widely assumed to

TOKYO (AP) - Japan's foreign

minister is expected to urge Israel

to withdraw from the occupied

Arah territories when he visits

Israel next month as the highest

Japanese official ever to visit that

country, Foreign Ministry offi-

Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno is scheduled to visit Israel as part

of his six-day, four-state Middle

East tour beginning June 22 that will also take him to Jordan, Syria and Egypt, a ministry official

Details of Uno's itinerary were

under discussion with each of the

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countries, said the official. On Thursday, Uno told .

cials said Friday.

Uno to urge Israel to

leave occupied lands

have carried out the machine-gun attack on Abu Jihad but the United States has refrained from openly accusing its Middle East

Whitehead added that, in talks with President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali and others, he also discussed a Tunisian-sponsored United Nations Security Council vote last month on the killing, in which the United States abstained.

The resolution, otherwise passed unanimously by the 15-member council, did not expressly accuse Israel of carrying out the attack, but condemned aggression against Tunisia.

Whitehead said that peace in ited States very much regretted the Middle East was imperative and a settlement should achieve the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and assure the security of all states in the region.

Whitehead, who arrived in Tunisia Wednesday from Algeria, said be also discussed this month's U.S. Soviet summit in Moscow and the Iran-Iraq war with Tunisian leaders.

·He will also visit Morocco during his tour of North Africa. Algerian role in hostage issue

Whitehead first visited Algeria

purpose in visiting the four states is to have frank exchange of

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peace with the leaders of those

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volved in the Middle East issue."

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Uno will be the first Japanese

Awsat Thursday quoted unnegotiated the release of bostages oamed Algerian official sources held at Algiers airport. Exiled ayatollah says Iran

favours release of hostages

and thinks Western bostages held ise relations with the West. nian clergyman.

'Iran is now disposed to find a solution. This will be the last hostage crisis," Ayatollah Mehdi Rouhani, a relative of four of

Rouhani, self-proclaimed spir-itual head of the Shi'ite community in Europe, has spent the past
25 years in France. He split with
Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah
Rubollah Khomeini, after the
Last month the pro-Irani 1979 revolution over the issue of the clergy's involvement in poli-

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''Most people around plomatic relations in 1952. Yasuaki Ono, an official in the first Middle East division in the Khomeini, even the extremists, Foreign Ministry, said Uno would urge Israeli "withdrawal from its are now in favour of releasing the hostages," he was quoted as tell-ing the paper during an interview occupied territories in an effort to in London.

further promote progress" to-wards peace in the Middle East. During a scheduled one-day stay in Israel, Uno also plans to visit either the occupied West Tehran's continuing international stige. Japanese reporters that his major Bank or Gaza, the official said.

LONDON (R) - Iran wants to isolation had convinced even the oormalise relations with the West hardliners of the need to normal-

as saying that Algeria was ready

to mediate for the release of the

American hostages if the United

States made an official request.

The same sources told the pap-

er that the Algerian government

had "gained experience in this

connection," listing successful

mediations such as the release of

American hostages in Tehran and

the recent freeing of hostages

from the hijacked Kuwaiti Air-

Whitehead said Thursday that,

after his talks in Algiers, he still

did oot know the whereabouts of

the hijackers of the Kuwaiti air-

liner, who were allowed to go

free after Algerian officials

ways jetliner.

in Lebanon should be released, He said the first step was the according to a senior exiled Ira- secret deal with France, under which the three remaining French s in Lebanon leased this month.

Roubani said he had advised the British government to be pa-Iran's grand ayatollahs, told the lient over the hostage issue but to show a sign of goodwill towards the people of Iran. He said he had sent envoys to

Lebanon to talk to all sides and try to negotiate the release of the 17

Last month the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God), believed to hold most of the hos-tages, asked France to expel Roubani in exchange for the release of the French captives. France rejected the demand.

The Independent said Rouhani then offered himself in exchange for the release of all the Western Rouhani, who has regular con- hostages, hut the kidnappers tacts with representatives of the turned him down, "possibly de-Iranian clergy, said Iranian set-hacks in the Gulf war and man... would gain too much pre-

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Socialist International renews support for Palestinians

Methodist church assails Israel, urges end to U.S. aid

NEW YORK (AP) — In the months of the Palestinian uprising, various American church organisations have criticised Israel as moving too harshly against Palestinian protesters. Last week such criticism got tougher.

the United Methodist Church said. "Israel's current iron-fist policy ... is totally unacceptable as civilised behaviour."

The hlast from this church of nearly 10 million Americans, second-largest in U.S. Protestantism next to southern Baptists, came in a late-night finale of its governing conference and got scant news attention.

Yet it marked a heightened level of U.S. church reproach against Israel, putting added strains on Jewish-Christian relationships in this country.

Rabhi James Rudin, inter-religious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee. contended that the statement was a one-sided expression of "selec-

tive outrage" against Israel.
"Overall it's an unbalanced
statement," he contended, and the "harshest emanated from the church world toward Israel." However, it was approved by

In one of the severest conde-mnaoons yet of Israeli conduct, urging the United States to stop the United Methodist Church all aid to Israel until "Israel ceases the repression of Palestinians in the occupied territory.

Castigating Israel's use of force to put down Palestinian protests. the resolution said of Israel's ac-"This violent behaviour hrutal-

ises human beings, both oppressed and oppressors, and leads to a deepening cycle of hatred and violence. The statement called on Israel "to stop beatings, to end the

killings, to cease destroying Palestinian homes, to stop deporting Palestinians, to enter into negotiations with Palestinian civilians and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) over legitimate demands, including fair and just distribution of 'disputed'

Oddly, a few days before, the church's hishops had issued an Israel-Palestinian crisis, seeing in rorist' attacks hy Palestinians or pied territories.

urging Arab recognition of Israel and a plebiscite among Palesti-

nians on their desires. However, the church delegates, half laity and half clergy from around the country, asked the U.S. government to press internacional efforts and open negotiations with the PLO to settle the region's problems.

Socialists condemn violence

The Socialist International council ended its two-day meeting in Madrid Thursday with a condemnation of Israeli violence in the occupied territories and attacks by Palestinians and other groups against Israeli targets. During a debate that took

much longer than expected because of disagreement over wording, the council also reaffirmed support for an international conference to achieve peace in the Middle Fast

"We strongly condemn violence committed hy Israeli Israeli occupation authorities to armed forces in the occupied terntones," the resolution on the Middle East said. "At the same even-handed statement on the time we strongly condemn 'ter-

civilian targets, which also worsen the crisis.

The council expressed its 'deep concern' at the deteriorating situation in the region, in reference to the five-month upris-ing in the West Bank and Gaza.

Among participants in the Middie East dehate were Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, represecting his Israel Labour Party and Palestinian journalist Hanna Siniora, who praised a tough speech Wednesday by former Italian Prime Minister and Socialist leader Bettino Craxi, as reflecting "the spirit of parties at the

meeting. The resolution fell short of calling on Israel to recognise the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people in any peace talks.

'We bope at the next SI meeting that there will be full recognition of the PLO as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," Siniora said.

The resolution also called on open schools in the West Bank immediately and for international humanitarian and economic aid for the Palestinians in the occu-

Arabs offer full cooperation against air piracy

RABAT (R) — The Arah Civil Aviation Council (ACAC) said Thursday that Arah states were prepared to discuss with world organisations ways to fight air piracy and terrorism; including the use of an international force.

The council, an Arah League affiliate, conferred on the hijacking of a Kuwaiti Boeing 747 jet and Israel's reported use of a civilian plane as an airborne command post in the killing of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) deputy military commander Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad) in Tunis last month.

After a two-day meeting of the Rabat-based council, its Secretary-General Hussein Hayawi Hammash told a news confer-

"Our meeting was intended to tell the world that we will do everything to cooperate in any way to fight hijacking and ter-

"The Arab region intends to

use all possible means and is willing to discuss with the international community such means, including the creation of an international force..."Hammash said.

Tunisia has told the U.N. Security Council that Israel used a Boeing 707 with civilian markings: off the Tunisian coast to communicate with a hit-squad which killed Abn Jihad at his home April 16.

The council urged "deterrent punishment" of Israel, which has not officially acknowledged responsibility for the killing.

It also called for punishment,

through the International Air Transport Association, of any country which did not respect its international obligations and encouraged terrorism. The statement thanked Alger-

ia, which has been criticised in the West for its handling of the hijack, for securing the safe release of the passengers and the Kuwaiti airliner.

It also praised Kuwait for re- bomb attacks on American and fusing to give in to hijackers who French missions in Kuwait in threatened to kill the passengers unless 17 Arah militants jailed for

ILO condemns Israel GENEVA (R) — The International Lahour Organisation (ILO) called Thursday for the abolition of joh discrimination

against Arabs in the Israeli-occupied territories. In a report prepared for its annual meeting, opening June 1, the 150-nation labour body said: "Active and determined measures ought to be taken to avoid

in practice any kind of discrimina-

tion in the area of employment or

occupation." The report said there were inequalities of opportunity and treatment in fields such as vocational training, social security and the system of work permits for joh security.

Israel should encourage the exercise of legitimate trade union activities "free of any interfer-

ence hy the civil and military

1983 were freed.

authorities," it added. ILO Director General Francis Blanchard, who visited Israel in March to discuss the situation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, said in the report's preface:

"The clashes which have occurred as a result of the uprising and the repressive and other measures which have ensued gravely affect the situation of the Arab workers in those territories."

Blanchard added: "Tireless efforts must be made to seek a political solution."

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Iraq to set up new commercial bank

BAGHDAD (AP) — The government is setting up a new commercial bank to keep abreast with the nation's expanding economic activity, Finance Minister Hikmat Omar Mukhailif said Thursday.

Rashid Commercial Bank, will have a capital of 100 million Iraqi dinars (\$500,000) and be headquartered in Baghdad with 100 branches throughout the country, Mukhailif told the official Iraqi News Agency.

The Al Rashid Bank, scheduled to start full operation later said the bank doubled its total this year, will be the second deposits to more than 12 billion commercial bank in Iraq and the dinars (\$60 billion) in the precedfirst to be opened since the ing seven years.

gures released here Thursday.

rived from oil exports, has been

HOT SPRINGS, Virginia (R) —

Leading businessmen predicted a

drop in the U.S. trade deficit this

year hy more than \$20 billion but

added in a report Friday that this

The Business Council, of 100

chief executives of leading U.S.

corporations, forecast in a report

on the economy that the 1988

trade deficit would be less than

\$150 billion, against \$171 billion

current exchange rates made

abroad. But "the improvement in

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fall in the dollar.

U.S. businessmen see

further slide of dollar

The new bank, to be called Al nationalisation of commercial banks in 1966.

> The existing commercial hank, Al Rafidain, recorted a profit of 348 million dinars (\$1.74 billion) from its operations and other financial facilities last year.

A July 25, 1987 statement also

"do not show an efficient per- prise. formance.

will offer more opportunities for Iraqi businessmen and expand market activities. He added that the government

was planning to set up more commercial banks. He did not elaborate.

The new bank, which will compete with the existing Rafidain Bank, falls within Iraqi President vitalising the country's war-weary, oil-hased economy through

liberalisation measures. Iraq is ruled by the Arah Baath the economy.

the net profits of the Rafidain trolled economy that allows a Bank and its current operations small degree of private enter-

Much of the country's foreign He said he boped the new bank currency reserves from crude oil production, currently estimated to run an 2.4 million barrels a day, has been eaten up by a 71/2-year-old war with Iran.

Last year, the government launched an economic recovery programme which called for the sale of some unprofitable government-run enterprises, and lucrative incentives also gave the li-Saddam Hussein's policy of remitted private sector more say in the national economy and allowed private husinesses to invest more in the various sectors of

Oman narrows budget deficit by 28%

MUSCAT (AP) — The oil-producing state of Oman has narrowed its hudget deficit for 1987 to 28 per cent below what bad been forecast, according to fi-The state-run Oman Development Bank (ODB), in its annual

report, gave the budget deficit figure for the outgoing year as 170 million riyals (\$440 million). decreed benchmark price. The deficit had been projected at 248 million riyals (\$640 million), with a difference of 78 million riyals (\$200 million). Oman, like other countries whose major revenues are de-

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suffering from budget deficits since the early 1980s when world oil market prices weakened. Oman is not a member of the

13-nation oil group, the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), but it has reduced its daily output to help OPEC stabilise the oil market. It also commits itself to the OPEC-

The worst hudget deficit suffered by the sultanate was in 1986 at 742 million riyals (\$1,915 billion), and the figure for 1987 meant the government succeeded in narrowing the deficit by 77 per

"Compared to other oil-exporting nations who faced the collapse in oil prices two years ago, it is incredible," ODB Manager Mohammad Othman told the Associated Press.

Basic government steps to remedy the situation in wake of the slump included heavy cutbacks in government spending as well as reductions in number of foreign workers by more than 100,000, or third of the force.

The government acted fast in 1986 when gross domestic product dropped by 19 per cent and the economy underwent quite a jolt. There were stringent budget

view. "The philosophy was simple: My revenue is this, therefore can only spend this."

Bank Chairman Mohammad

Yousef, in his annual report, said Oman had survived "the most difficult period." He stressed the need for the government to control expenditure and broaden the base of the economy away from

Economists anticipate a gradual revival of the economy with an average 2.5 per cent annual growth over the remainder of the revised third five-year plan due to be completed in 1990.

Third World stresses need to overcome debt crisis

"unless the economy showed PORT LOUIS, Mauritius (R) other clear signs of overheating' West European donors convinced - U.S. authorities would let the dollar slip rather than resort to rial talks last week that there was sharply higher interest rates to no quick cure for their debt crisis,

would not suffice to stop a further attract money to dollar assets and That, economists say, could risk recession. Even though a yet weaker dollar may crimp exporters' earnings in other nations, the council raised its prediction of expansion (ACP) group of 66 states.

in leading industrial economies other than the United States over But it saw the dollar dropping the next two years by about onefrom 125 yen now to 119 by the balf per cent from its last report end of 1988 and 115 by the end of .. in February. The businessmen put Euro-

Many businessmen found that pean growth at between two and three per cent in both 1988 and their products competitive 1989. In an overall view of the U.S.

the U.S. trade accounts will not economy, John Reed, chairman be sufficiently large and convinc- of Citicorp, told a news confering to prevent a further slide in ence that committee members re feeling rather good about The council thought that — the economy in its present state." Third World nations at ministement policy.

The deht crisis of countries already struggling to cope with sides agreed, set the tone for the mass poverty and hunger domin-start of negotiations in Luxated the annual ministerial talks embourg next Oct. 5-6 on a pact to between the 12-nation European succeed the five-year aid and Community (EC) and the Afritrade accord ending in 1990. can, Caribbean and Pacific The EC Commission, in prop-

tic on our part to bope that in just need for a quicker and more one session here in Mauritius we would find the panacea," ACP flexible response to Third World President Almoustapha Soumaila needs, while indebted countries said afterwards.

But Soumaila, Niger's planning nomic reforms. minister, stressed comprehensive and durable solutions were tiations... the Community should needed urgently.

duling and forgiveness of debt to faster support under the new conease the burden of borrowers vention in order to satisfy shortnot be enough, adding that term needs and help in the i Third World nations also needed mentation of reform pobcies," it funds to finance development. said.

The two sides met under the Lome convention, the chief pillar of the EC's Third World develop-

The two-day meeting, both

osed guidelines on a new agree-"It would not be very pragma- ment released here, signalled a

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Ramadan open markets show popularity, success

AMMAN (J.T.) - Ramadan public in the three markets and Societies (GUVS), are expected to make a net profit of JD 30,000 this year, according to GUVS President Abdullah Al Khatib.

Khatib, in a statement to Al Dustour Arabic newspaper, said that the proceeds of these marand universities.

GUVS had started off with one market which proved successful before opening the two others, Khatih noted.

He said that the three markets, located at Jabai Hussein, Mahatta and Jahal Nazzal, hring in financial returns that finance the education of 400 university students and 600 secondary school

At least 310 merchants are offering their products to the nitarian projects.

open markets, set up by the estimates this year indicate that General Union of Voluntary no less than 10,000 people have visited these markets every evening to purchase consumer products, clothes and other items at competitive prices, Khatib said.

Khatib paid tribute to the Water Authority of Jordan, the Telecommunications Corporation, kets normally finance the educa- the Amman Municipality and tion of needy students at schools other organisations which had offered help to GUVS to make its projects successful.

He said that GUVS intends to spread the idea of Ramadan open markets to other parts of the country in the coming year.

Last year, the open markets brought in a net profit of JD 13,000 which angmented the GUVS's funds that finance humamitarian schemes. Since the beginning of 1988 GUVS has spent JD 350,000 on different huma-

Surplus of table eggs remains big dilemma

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan number of countries but still it Society for the Production and Marketing of Eggs (JSPME) last year lost 1.6 million eggs but succeeded in exporting 100 mil-lion eggs, JSPME President Suleiman Irteimeh announced

here Thursday. He told JSPME general assemhly meeting that local consump-tion of table eggs last year stood at 450 million registering 20 million increase over consumption in the previous year.

Lately, the society exported marketing Jethree million table eggs to a and abroad.

faces a 150 million eggs surplus annually which it cannot market ahroad, Irteimeh noted. Last year, the Economic Secur-

ity Committee decided to grant a subsidy of JD 400,000 to the JSPME to help it produce and export eggs. At Thorsday's meeting,

Irteimeh referred to the continucd cooperation between the society and the ministries of agriculture and supply for the sake of marketing Jordanian eggs here

Ailoun budget tops JD 350,000

AILOUN (J.T.) — Ajloun municipality's 1988 budget is JD noted.

350,313 of which JD 225,757 are revenues, Ajloun Mayor Mohammad Talhouni said Thursday.

He said JD 100,000 of the hudget has been allocated for setting up a public car park and JD 68,000 will be used to cover the cost of a shopping centre.

The Ajloun municipality has to

pay JD 105,000 in annual premiums on loans it had acquired from different sources to finance generating projects.

Ajloun municipality is striving hard to improve basic services to the town and is conducting wide scale cleanliness campaigns and spraying insecticides in different districts, Talhouni added.

He said that plans are being made for improving street lighting and the garbage collecting system and also initiating income-

Pound sterling soars

LONDON (R) — The pound points, above 1,780. sterling rose sharply tonching
3.18 Deutschemarks Friday, at its

Wall Street's Dow Jones industrial average was up in early highest in around two years despite intervention to brake its points, touching 1,990. climb by the Bank of England.

In stock markets, shares ended higher in Tokyo and Wall Street showed brisk early gains. But a rally in London was muted by concern that the strong pound will crimp export earnings.

A booming economy and relatively high British interest rates have been attracting money to sterling assets in recent weeks.

A European dealers said: "Japanese investors bought large amounts of sterling. That's a clear sign that the market is confident rates. about the pound's direction.'

The pound hovered around 3.18 marks, up one-and-a-half pfennigs from Thursday. It was worth just over \$1.89.

In mid-afternoon the London stock market's FTSE index of 100 British hlue ships was up 10

Wall Street's Dow Jones in-New York business more than 20

New York brokers cited good foreign interest in the latest auction of U.S. Treasury bonds as a sign of confidence, while fears of inflation and higher interest rates receded after sending stocks into a tailspin around the globe Wednesday

Earlier Friday, Tokyo's Nikkei share index rose 255.73 points, or 0.9 per cent, to 27,468.31. Brokers said Japan's investors were now less afraid that there would be a worldwide rise in interest

Bank of Japan officials say they have no plans to raise interest rates in spite of signs that the United States was slightly tightening its monetary policy.

"It was suddenly ohvious that Japan's interest rates were not going to rise." said a hroker at Nikko Securities. "Japan and West Germany will cooperate and keep their rates stable, even if U.S. rates rise."

Elsewhere in Asia, Sydney's Australian All Ordinaries stock index ended up 14.2 points at 1,403.2 and the Hong Kong Hang Seng closed at 2,532.63, which was 23.75 points higher.

Major continental European bourses reopened after an Ascension day boliday.

French shares were lower with the bours indicator down one per cent following the announcement of a new French cabinet.

Former finance minister Pierre Beregovoy's return to that post, which he held from 1984 to 1986, was broadly welcomed. But there was some disappointment that Socialist Prime Minister Michel Rocard had not included more centrist politicians, dealers re-

the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The share market closed higher fuelled by modest huying from both local and offshore investors. The All Ordinaries index rose 14.2 points to 1,403.2.

TOKYO — Share prices closed sharply higher in active trade as aggressive Japanese hnying of U.S. bonds bolstered confidence and fears of a rise in domestic interest rates vanished. The Nikkei index rose 255.73, 0.9 per cent. to 27,468.31.

HONG KONG - Shares closed firmer in quiet and lacklustre trading in light bargain-hunting. The Hang Seng index rose 23.75

SINGAPORE — Share prices rebounded to close generally higher on selective huying and hargain hunting after four consecutive days of declines. The Straits Times industrial index rose 5.68 points to 970.18.

BOMBAY — Widespread profit-taking ahead of the weekend cut short a rally. Brokers said the market opened firm on strong speculative support but ran out of steam in mid-session.

FRANKFURT — Prices ended a moderate bourse higher across the board, hoosted hy short-covering, hy sharp gains in Tokyo and hy a technical reaction to the sell-off at the start of the week. Commerzbank's 60-share index, calculated at the mid-session fix, rose 15.3 points or 1.2 per cent to 1,302.2.

ZURICH - The market closed slightly lower on moderate volume. The All Share Swiss index was down 4.2 to 790.6 points.

PARIS - Prices ended off their lows, pulled up by a late flurry of largely foreign huying on hluc chip stocks, sparked by Wall Street's firmer opening. The 50-share bourse indicator ended 0.42 per cent down after opening 1.2 per cent lower.

LONDON — A gain of just over 20 points on the Dow Jones industrial average lifted the London market to new highs on the day in late trading. At 1440 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was ten points up at a high of 1,782.3.

NEW YORK - Stocks continued to gain and were at session highs on a combination of factors. A successful bond sale showed foreign interest in U.S. securities and a moderate rise in producer prices cooled inflation fears. The Dow 30 was up 22 at 1990.

U.S. retail sales decline

WASHINGTON (R) - U.S. retail sales declined in April after an unexpectedly sharp gain in March, the government said Thursday in an inconclusive report that offered little new information about the bealth of the

Sales fell a seasonally adjusted 0.6 per cent in April, but only after March sales were revised up to a 1.7 per cent gain instead of the previously reported 0.8 per cent rise, the Commerce Department said.

Although April sales, which totalled \$131.58 billion, were lower than the revised March level of \$132.40 billion, they were actually 0.7 per cent higher than. the originally reported \$130.66 hillion in March sales.

The department said the March revision was the result of new information about the strength of Easter sales and distortions in its seasonal adjustment process because Easter, which was on April 3. came earlier than usual this

"It's weaker this month because a lot of spending took place in March for Easter," said economist Tom Megan of Evans Economics in Washington. "The declines were all in areas where there were sharp upward revisions to March.'

The retail sales report is the first economic indicator to be issued since last Friday and was expected to give financial mar-kets a fresh indication about the strength of the economy.

But it had little market impact and was too inconclusive to give much of a hint of whether the economy is slowing down or "overheating," which could prompt the Federal Reserve (Fed) to tighten credit to hold inflation down, economists said.

"I don't think this report really answers that question because of the upward revision in March." said economist Kathryn Kobe of Joel Popkin and Co. in Washington.

"We should not make too much of the April retail sales 1.6 per cent.

report, which showed a decline of 0.6 per cent," said Richard Rahn, chief economist of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

"It was strongly influenced by the impact of Easter this year and thus does not reflect the actual de said.

The Fed, alarmed by signs of rising inflation, has already nudged up interest rates in the money markets in recent days, prompting U.S. commercial banks to raise their prime lending rates Wednesday hy half a point

to nine per cent. Excluding the volatile category of antos, April retail sales were down 0.5 per cent after rising 1.8 per cent in March.

Over the past several months, non-auto sales have risen at an average 0.5 per cent per month. which is barely more than the rate of inflation, economists said.

That means that in real terms that sales outside of autos are flattish," Megan said.

"Part of the March increase came from price rather than quantity," added Kobe, noting that the consumer price index for that month rose 0.5 per cent. Economists said they expect

continued moderate growth in

retail sales, although price increases could make it seem greater than it actually is. The overall decline in April which was fairly broadbased, was the first since October, but sales

were still 5.4 per cent higher than they were in April 1987. Sales of all durable goods last month fell \$315 million, or 0.6 per cent, to \$50.26 hillion, while sales of non-durable goods also fell 0.6 per cent, or \$500 million. to \$81.33 hillion, the department

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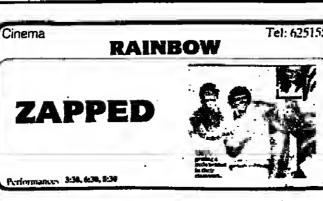
Americans apparently lost their appetite last month, according to the Commerce Department. Not only were food store sales down 0.3 per cent, but sales at eating and drinking places fell

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Soviet Union to stage chess championship

LUCERNE, Switzerland (R) - The women's World Chess Championship match between champion Maya Chiburdanidze and challenger Mana Ioseliani will be played in the Soviet Union, the International Chess Federation (FIDE) announced Friday. FIDE said in a statement that the two Soviet women would meet in Georgia Sept. 5 for the 16-game match.

Liverpool star plans to end soccer career

LONDON (R) - Craig Johnston, almost certain to be named in Liverpool's squad for the English Football Association (F.A.) Cup final against Wimbledon Saturday, wants to quit the club because he has "fallen out of love with football." Johnston was quoted in the Sun newspaper Thursday as saying that he had begun to hate certain aspects of the game.

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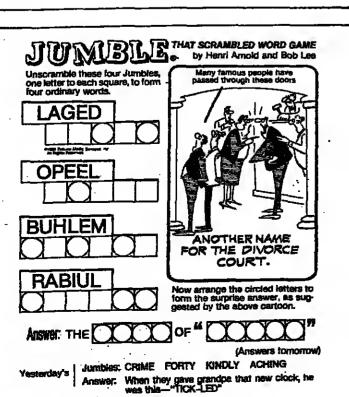
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Since East-West were playing five-card majors, it was obvious to West that a spade continuation held no future, and a diamond shift could hardly be a necessity. However, if his side had a heart trick coming, it was vital to set it up at once. So at trick two West shifted to the nine of hearts. Whether declarer rose with dummy's ace or took the finesso, there was no way that the king of hearts would not score a trick. The ace of trumps then became the setting trick.





NBA Playoffs

Jordan takes his game to new heights

PONTIAC, Michigan (AP) - Michael Jordan's been called a monster, superman and god by apponents in the National Basketball

Jordan's mother, Deloris, knows better. "He shocks me with some of the things he does out there on the court, but I know he's human," Mrs. Jordan said. "I was there when

Before Tuesday's opener of the Eastern Conference semifinal playoffs between Jordan's Chicago Bulls and the Detroit Pistons.

Jordan was casually lacing up a new pair of air Jordans when a young boy, part of the halftime tumbling show, shyly stepped forward.
"Can I look at your shoes?" he asked, then inspected them with wondrous eyes, searching for the secret within. Handing them back, the youngster said, "thee will be flyin' later on." Two hours later, those shoes indeed were flying on Jordan's feet,

hut not as high as he had become accustomed in the playoffs. In the opener against the Pistons, he was 10-for-22 from the field and scored 29 points.

"We did everything possible and he still ended up with 29," Pistons coach Chuck Daly said. "He's a monster." Larry Bird sees it differently.

"It's just God disguised as Michael Jordan," the Boston star said in April, 1986, after Jordan came back from a broken foot to score 131 points in three playoff games against the Celtics, including 63 in one

Jordan, who averaged 35.0 points and shot 53 per cent from the field during this regular season, upped the ante to 45.2 points and 56 per cent shooting in his first five playoff games, all against Cleveland. 'Guarding him is an honour, a thrill, a challenge, a nightmare,' the Cavaliers' Craig Ehlo said. "It's all instincts with him. He has no

tendencies. Everything's spontaneous; he just does it."

But as Jordan soared to 226 points, an NBA playoff record for a five-game series, questions resurfaced about whether a scoring champion can ever lead a team to ehampionship.

"If I didn't believe it, I wouldn't want to play," Jordan said. "The team is better this season. I'm getting better shots this season because I'm not having to force it."

Bulls coach Doug Collins said the balance issue is overblown because it puts too much stress on scoring.

"In the first two games against Cleveland, be carried us with 55 and 50 points," Collins said. "But in game 5, everybody contributed. It's not always points that determine how you're playing. There's so much focus on Jordan's scoring, people forget that we led the league

in defence and rebounding."

Whether the Bulls can win a title with Jordan scoring 44.3 per cent of the team's points, as he did against Cleveland, or even 33.3 per cent, as he did in the regular season, remains to be seen.

"Two years ago, this team won 30 games, so I'm proud that people even mention us as a championship threat," Collins said, "So I'm not worrying about baving enough scoring balance.'

"There are nights that I'm going to produce big offensively, and there are nights when the other guys are going to do more," Jordan said. "That's true whether you're talking about the regular season or the playoffs. When Scottie Pippen scored 24 points against Cleveland, for the first time people were not talking about me so much." Jordan admitted there is a danger that if he becomes too dominant, his teammates might simply watch him in awe.

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THE Daily Crossword by Victor Jambor Jr.

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you continue to daydream all the time, you will miss out on some fine opportunities. A co-worker can help you to achieve a prized goal. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A small change in your daily routine can improve your efficiency immensely. Don't let anyone get you involved in a silly argument.

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valuable advice concerning the
state of your finances. Be extremely cautious while driving.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Clear up that dispute at home which has been causing a lot of discord lately. This can be done

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Mechlin wins Cup Winners' Cup crown

STRASBOURG, France (Agencies) — FC Mechlin of Belgium won the Cup Winners' Cup final Wednesday beating Ajax of Amsterdam 1-0 (0-0) on a goal by Pieter den Boer in the 53rd minute.

It was Mechlin's first appearance in a European Cup soccer final. Ajax was seeking its second consecutive Cup Winners' Cup to go with three Champions' Cup that it won from 1971-1973.

Ajax played most of the game short a player as defender Danny

Blind was given a red card in the 16th minute for dangerous play.

The Mechlin goal was a foreign effort, Eh Ohana dribbled on the left side being hounded by Ajax' Frank Verlaat.

Ohana moved left, Verlaat moved with him. Then Ohana moved right, Verlaat stayed with him. Then Ohana moved left again and Verlaat was a little slow and then allowed the opening for Ohana to

Near the goal mouth was Den Boer, one of the three Dutch players on the Mechlin lineup. Den Boer headed the ball that went hy the right side of Menzo who was not able to touch the hall as it went into the right side of the goal.

After that Ajax applied more pressure in an attempt to equal the score. But Mechlin was able to hold off the Dutch attack with the kind of play that it had all season in the Belgian league: An efficient defence led by Michel Preud'homme, the current national team

Preud'homme made a spectacular save in the 70th minute when Johnny Bosman, the 23-year-old Dutch international player, hit a vicious shot that Preud'homme deflected at the last split-second. Less than a minute later, Preud'homme was again making a good save and held off the Dutch attack for the rest of the match.

The first balf was scoreless but had action especially after Blind was given a red card. Blind was ejected after some dangerous play. The Dutch club had been dominating the match until then with some free-wheeling offence. But they couldn't get a decent shot, although much of the action was on Mechlin's defensive half of the

The match had more than 40,000 fans with tight security around

Barnes, Jones personify differences in F.A. Cup finalists

In London, Liverpool and Wimbledon, rivals in Saturdav's F.A. Cup final, have reputations as different as two players who are likely to be key performers in the Wembley showdown.

John Barnes, the Liverpool winger, is a player of abundant natural talent with an international record that includes one of the finest goals scored by an England forward in recent times and an appearance in a World Cup quarter-final.

Wimhledon's Vinny Jones is an uncompromising defender who last season was found guilty of hringing the game into disrepute for boasting, in a newspaper article before a clash with Liverpool, that he would "bite off Kenny Dalglish's ear and spit in the hole."

To characterise the teams as reflections of Barnes and Jones is an unfair simplifications but it is one that is widely recognized and is the

unfair simplifications but it is one that is widely recognised and is the

main reason for the match exciting so much expectation.

On the one hand there is the image of Barnes ghosting effortlessly through the opposition defence, as he did so devastatingly for his memorable goal against Brazil in a friendly four years ago.

On the other, there is the picture of Jones, published in a newspaper earlier this year, discouraging a talented rival by clasping firmly in one hand a tender and private part of his anatomy.

That Jones is not the sole contributor to Wimbledon's image as a team of hardmen is shown hy the fact they have had five players sent off this season and more than 60 booked.

For a seventh successive year the club are expected to be asked to

explain this poor disciplinary record.

Jones used to work on building sites carrying bricks, and is proud of the fact he has not lost touch with his working-class roots. "I live in two worlds at the moment," he says. "I've got my mates

hack home who call me Vinny and treat me like one of them. Then I come down to Wimbledon and meet the press and it's all Mr. Jones. "My mates are important to me. I used to play Sunday football and I still go and watch them play. I lent one of them a pair of my boots

last week to play in a cup final. I bet him £10 (\$18) he wouldn't score in them and when he did I threw the tenner onto the pitch." Jones also believes he has benefited from being a full-time professional only for a sbort time. In his early days he played outside

When you have been a pro all your life. I think you can get too sheltered away from the realities of life. If you like, I've been thrown Out on a rope and whizzed-around. Some of the other lads have had a shorter rope.

Jones is not a man you would expect to feel too many nerves but be admits Saturday's final has been causing him some lost sleep. "I've been down at the cafe at our training ground at seven o'clock some

mornings. Jones says Wimbledon will not modify their style of play against

Livrpool. We're not going to get to the big day and start changing the way

we play. We've got to stop them playing, wear them down and then start playing ourselves." The great unanswered question, and one that makes the final such

an intriguing prospect, is just how successful Jones and his teammates can be in wearing down Barnes. A Wembley packed to its 90,000-plus capacity and a multi-million worldwide television audience — a record 53 countries are taking the

game live - can lonk forward to some memorable entertainment.

Lendl struggles to reach tennis quarterfinals

ROME (R) — A short-tempered Swede, his left leg heavily strap-Ivan Lendl struggled against a ped to protect an old knee injury, restless crowd, unseasonal weather and an obstinate opponent Thursday to reach the quarterfin-

als of the Italian Open. Lendl, who won this title in 1986 before going on to win the French Open — a feat he aims to repeat in the coming weeks took two hours 27 minutes to overcome 47th-ranked Frenchman Guy Forget 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

The single-minded Czechoslovak, who has held the world number one spot for the past 32 months, was obviously unhappy on court.

Early in the first set he stomped angrily across to the photographers' bench at the side of the court and screamed at a hemused photographer to sit down while he was serving.

On several occafused to play on until the crowd settled down and he was constantly irritated by blustery winds and intermittent drizzle.

Lendl's opponent in Friday's quarterfinals will be Peruvian Jaime Yzaga, who scored an excellent win over Sweden's Anders Jarryd, the number seven seed. Jarryd, who demolished Italian number one Paolo Cane without

losing a game in the previous round Wednesday, came off second best to the Peruvian's claycontt skills.

Yzaga led 6-I, 5-1 before the

won four games in a row. But the South American served out the set 7-5.

Yzaga reached the fourth round of the U.S. Open in Flushing Meadow last September before losing in four sets to Lendl, the only set the eventual champion dropped in the entire

tournament. Jarryd's compatriot Kent Carlsson had no such problems. The fifth seed proved his top physical form by demolishing West German Ricki Osterthun 6-1, 6-0 in

just 54 minutes. Sixth seed Andres Gomez of Ecuador and 14th seed Guillermo Perez-Roldan also booked their passage to the last eight.

Gomez beat American Jim Pugh in three sets, while Perez-Thierry Tulasue 7-5, 7-5 in a gritty outside court tussle.

Tulasne complained to the ampire about Perez-Roldan's constant grunting as he hit shots, saying the noise interrupted his own concentration.

"It's like an eruption. It puts me off," he said. The umpire asked the Argentine if he would quieten down but was told he had always played that way and could not change.

The match eventually continued with the grunting un-

Lendl said later he had taken drops.

"They make it impossible to "They make it imposs so many hay fever shots he had probably been stupefied on court, which had only added to his irritation.

"I had so much medicine inside me I don't think I'll remember too much about today a few days from now," he said. I wasn't too bad when the sun came out but I became lethargic when it became

"I left a couple of balls which must have landed four feet inside the baseline

"Hay fever always affects me badly in Rome but this year is worse than most — I don't even go out of my hotel room unless I have to."

Lendl also criticised the Italian restless when the quality of play Czechoslovakia.

concentrate... prefer soccer to tennis, that was a soccer crowd we had out there today."

In West Berlin, Defending champion Steffi Graf showed no mercy to West German Women's Tennis Tournament.

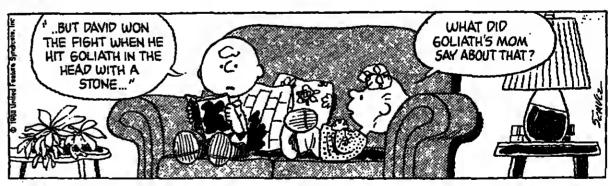
Graf bas made a habit of conceding only three games a match in the early rounds of competition this year and that was all she allowed Meir, ranked 82nd in the world. Graf, the world number

one, won 6-2, 6-1. By contrast, fourth seed Hana Mandiikova continued her erratic form, particularly on clay. The newly-naturalised Australian lost-7-6 (7-4), 7-5 to former compatspectators, who tend to become riot Radka Zrubakova of

Johnson fails to finish 100m

TOKYO (R) - World chamion Ben Johnson of Canada suffered another injury setback in his build up to the Olympics when he pulled up in a 100 metres race Friday. Johnson, who cut short his indoor season in February because of an injury to his left thigh, stopped running at about the 40-metre point in his first outdoor sprint of the year. "He felt a slight strain in his left leg so be hacked off right away," said coach Charlie Francis. Francis said it was a hamstring mjury but he eased up "as quickly as possible and that's the most important thing in preventing scrious injury." He added the extent of the injury would not be known for 24 hours. Johnson, who set a world record of 9.83 seconds in becoming 100-metre world champion in Rome last September, made no comment after the race which was won by American Harty Krulee in 10.32 seconds. Japan's Hiroki Fuwa was second in 10.48.

Peanuts



Mutt'n' Jeff







Andy Capp



S. Africa, Angola agree to support international role in peace talks

BRAZZAVILLE (Agencies) — South African and Angolan ministers held brief peace talks in Brazzaville Friday and agreed that international efforts to end the 13-year-old Angolan war should be resumed in the Congolese capital soon.

the complexity of the matters we address." South African Foreign Minister Pik Butha told reporters after a three-and-a-balf hour meeting with Angulan Justice

Minister Fernando van-Dunem. There is a willingness on the part of the two governments to address the issues," Botha added. Botha, speaking in the garden of the quiet suhurban villa where the talks were held, said Angola

and South Africa had agreed that four-party peace talks nn the inter-linked Angolan and Namibian issues should be resumed soon in the capital of Congo.

"May I express the hope that what we have started will one day rewarded with peace, stability and prosperity for the whole of southern Africa," Botha added. The statement hy the foreign

minister, who was making a rare visit to a hlack African capital, was warm and upheat in tone. The Angolan chief negotiator was more circumspect in his brief

"We found out today what we all wanted. We clarified our posi-

We are under no illusions as to tions." Van-Dunem said.
The date of the next meeting of the four-party negotiations in-volving Cuba and the United

States, as well as South Africa and Angola is not known. But Snuth African officials had

said it would be a matter of weeks rather than months. Botha said that following the Brazzaville talks, which were

shorter than expected, both delegations would be reporting back to their governments.

The South African minister said earlier it was the task of "we Africans' to resolve the Angolan

Cnngo Foreign Minister Antoine Ndinga-Oba, whose socialist leadership has close ties with Angola's government, said:

"President Denis Sasson Nguesso and his people are bappy to welcome you here in the Congo. ... It is nur duty to serve the cause of peace... and to save

The Congo government had kept silent on the talks even after the arrival of the two delegations

Sinhalese extremists blamed for two killings

COLOMBO (AP) — Suspected Sinhalese extremists shot and killed two political candidates despite government overtures designed to end such attacks, a military official said Friday.

Two contestants in next month's provincial council elections were gunned down Thursday in the Sinhalese heartland. south of Colombo, the military official said. A third candidate was shot and wonnded.

The official said the attacks appeared to be the work of the Janata Vimukhti Peramuna

At least 15 candidates in the provincial elections have been assassinated. All the killings have been hlamed on the Marxistoriented JVP, which is composed of Sinhalese who think the Sinhalese-dominated government has been too lement with Sci Lanka's Tamil minority.

Authorities have blamed the front for the deaths of 260 gov- agreement."

ernment officials and supporters since July 29 when the govern-ment proclaimed a plan for ending the Tamil guerrilla war.
Efforts to make peace with the
Tamils spurred a backlash in the Sinhalese majority.

On Tuesday, President Junius R. Jayewardene announced that a five-year-old ban on the front's political activities had been lifted. His minister of national security. Lalith Athulathmudali, said he and front leader Rohanna Wijeweera had signed a peace

The anthenticity of Wijeweera's purported signature was soon called into question. Letters issued in his name on the front's official letterhead denied the underground group had reached any understanding with the government.

Athulathmudali said Wednesday the real test would be to see whether the JVP "stands by the



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Director General Eng. Mohammad Shahid Ismail

Noriega remains firm in control amid reports of possible U.S. deal

PANAMA CITY (Agencies) — Military strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega seems firmly in control in Panama after Washington admitted it would have to make concessions if it wanted him

"I don't see any signs that Noriega is thinking of leaving any time soon," Planning Minister Gustavo Gonzalez said Thursday. "U.S. propaganda has made it any moment."

Officials said that a special envoy sent by President Reagan was in Panama but had not formally made a U.S. offer to drop drug indictments against Noriega in return for his resignation.

Rumuin Bethancourt, the leader of the largest pro-military par-ty, said there had only been preliminary talks with the envoy.

Michael Kozak. No agreements had been reached.

General Noriega has laid down vague but wide-ranging demands for any deal with Washington, saying: "There can be no settlement if North American aggression and violations of Panamanian sovereignty continue."

The White House said Thursday it would have to make conlook like Noriega is about to go at cessions to get Noriega out and spokesman Marlin Fitzwater likened the negotiations to courtroom plea-bargains. Noriega has defied almost a year of domestic and U.S. pressures for his res-

> U.S. administration sources say Washington is willing to drop indictments in Florida on drug smuggling and racketeering charges if Noriega resigns and

Deputy Assistant Secretary of leaves the country until after State for Inter-American Affairs general elections in May 1989. But Bethancourt, head of the Revolutionary Democratic Party. dismissed the issue of the drug indictments as a "political farce" with no legal basis.

> "We do not consider that an injustice of an invention which should shame U.S. courts should be reason for a transaction," he told reporters. He said he had heen holding meetings with Kozak but that Kozak had not met Noriega this week. Kozak has visited several times since

The Panamanian government aid it was closing its U.S. consulates due to what it called a campaign of briffery, harassment and hostility by the U.S. State Department against consular offi

jan, and mobs in Sumgait, the republic's second city, went on a rampage, killing 26 Armenians. Soviet troops were sent to

Sumgait to restore order. Others

were despatched to Yerevan and

Stepanakert to prevent further demonstrations while the Krem-

hin announced a new develop-

ment programme for Nagorno-

On May 11, the trial opened in

Sumgait of one Azerbaijani ac-

Armenians stage new protests

quite a lot," he said.

The spokesman said the de-

An official at the local Com-

munist Party headquarters said

the city, which has a largely Armenian population of 33,000, was quiet Friday. "People are

going about their normal busi-

Stepanakert was the scene of

mass demonstrations in February.

by Armenians protesting over

ness," he added.

monstrators later dispersed.

MOSCOW (R) - New demonstrations have hit the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, at the centre of recent unrest between Armenians and Azerbaijanis, officials in the region said

A spokesman at the Communist Party daily Sovietsky Karabakh told Reuters by telephone a crowd of demonstrators had formed Thursday in the regional capital, Stepanakert, to protest at the appointment of an Azerbaijani national as deputy pro-

"I can't say how many people there were — but there were forms part of Soviet Azerbaijan. The February protests sparked huge demonstrations of support in Yerevan, capital of Soviet

Counter-demonstrations broke out in Baku, capital of Azerbai-

China seen as major arms supplier

WASHINGTON (R) - China has become a major supplier of arms to warring Iran and Iraq and an emerging power as a source of armaments for Third World countries generally, says a study prepared by a research arm of Congress.

Between 1980 and 1983, China completed agreements to sell \$5.9 billion worth of arms to the entire Third World -- with \$3.6 billion worth of that total destined for

In the same three-year period, China agreed to sell \$505 million

m arms to Iran. As a result, 69 per cent of China's total arms supply agreements in the three years were with just two countries, Iran and

Iraq.
The study, by national defence specialist Richard Grimmet of the Congressional Research Service (CRS), said China was the fourth largest supplier in terms of the value of arms agreements signed with Third World countries between 1980 and 1983.

Number one was the Soviet Union with arms agreements worth \$57.4 billion, followed by the United States with \$34.3 billion of agreements, France with \$18.6 billion and then China with \$5.9 billion.

The study says Iran has relied extensively on Chinese-made

Between 1980 and 1987, it says, China had 22 per cent of all arms agreements with Iran, compared with only two per cent for the Snviet Union. In the same period. China had 10 per cent of the arms agreements signed with Iraq, while the Soviet Union had 37 per cent.

what they called negligence of the region by Azerbaijani officials.

Nagorno-Karabakh, which has special team of investigators sent a population of about 175,000 of whom 75 per cent are Armenians,

Japanese minister resigns after

TOKYO (AP) - A cabinet they disrupt the Diet (parliaminister who said Japan was not ment), but what I said was not an aggressor in World War II wrong," he told a group of parliaresigned his post Friday, a news To reporters, he said, "my comments have incurred criticism

controversial world war remarks

Seisukc Okuno, Director General of the National Land Agency, submitted his resignation to Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita late Friday afternoon, three weeks after his remark that Japan was not an aggressor in World War II drew condemnation from China, South Korea and North Korea, the Japan Broadcast Corporation reported.

The veteran politician is widely and brought up the option. Miyazawa.

Earlier Friday, Okuno apolocontinued to stand by them.

"I may withdraw my remarks if colony."

am sorry." The report of his resignation followed press reports that Takeshita wanted Okuno to step down voluntarily. Kyodo news service said Takeshita met with the 75-year-old minister Friday

outside Japan and aroused fric-

tion in the Diet (parliament). As

a result, the Diet ... and other concerned bodies have suffered."

"From the bottom of my heart,

regarded as number three man in Takeshita had avoided disput-government after Takeshita and ing Okuno's remarks or taking Finance Minister Kiichi any action against him since he said April 22 that Japan had no Earlier Friday, Okuno apolo-gised to Japanese officials for the II. Okuno said Japan "fought to furor caused by his comments hut protect itself at a time when the white race had turned Asia into a

Toy gun, fake explosives used in Chinese hijack

a toy pistol and a bottle of fake explosives to commandeer the aircraft and were ready to kill them-

selves if they failed. The civil aviation administration of China Airline Boeing 737 with 118 people aboard was hijacked Thursday evening on a domestic flight from Xiamen to Guangzhou, also known as for Xiamen. Canton.

Chang Ching-Kun, 27, one of the hijackers, told Taiwan's official Chinese television service plane be diverted to Taiwan. that he and his companion, Lung Kuei-Yun, 26, also had knives in their pockets, unknown to the

"We would have committed suicide if we failed," Chang said in the televised interview. "We never planned to return (to China).

The plane landed at Chingchuankan air force base in central Taiwan at 9:07 a.m. Thursday

TAIPEI (Agencies) - Two (1307 GMT) and was flown back Chinese whn hijacked a Chinese to Xiamen with the other 116 jetliner to Taiwan said they used persons aboard at 2:55 a.m. Friday (1855 GMT Thursday) after the hijackers were granted political asylum in Taiwan.

China Friday thanked Taiwan for allowing the airliner to return. Government officials Friday distributed a statement they said was written by the plane's pilot, Yang Yung-Ling, before he left

Yang said the two entered the pilot's cabin, brandished "unspecified arms" and demanded the He said he tried to fly to Hong Kong but the two objected and he

then flew to Taiwan. Chinese MiG fighters tried to intercept the plane to prevent it flying to the nationalist-ruled island, Taiwan Television said.

It said Taiwan jets scrambled to meet the plane as it flew over Taiwan's Penghu islands (the Pescadores) and escorted it to the

Paraguay's ban on meeting upsets Vatican

SANTA CRUZ, Bnlivia (R) ---A dispute between the Vatican and the government of Paraguay, which banned a planned meeting between Pope John Paul II and opposition groups in Asuncion, has overshadowed the pontiff's visit to Bolivia.

Sources in the papal entourage said the move was an affront to the Pope and that Vatican diplomats and church officials in Paraguay were attempting to resolve the crisis.

"For now, 1 must express, clearly, the astonishment caused by a decision unprecedented in the exercise of the holy father's up of politicians, intellectuals, pastoral mission," Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the chief papal spokesman said in a written statement in Sucre, Bolivia's constitutional capital, where the Pope meeting will be held despite the said a mass for some 50,000 peo- government decision but at a

ple Thursday. Vatican officials were very upset over Thursday's Paragnayan move, which has marred the Pope's visit to a country where

church-state relations have been tense for some time. The Pope, who is at the mid-point of his 13-day tour of four South American countries, is scheduled to arrive in Paraguay for a three-day visit Monday.

On Thursday, the government of General Alfredo Stroessner cancelled a meeting Tuesday between the Pope and a churchhacked opposition group made professional labour leaders, the first such unilateral move in the

Pope's 37 foreign trips. Paraguay's bishops said the

location other than the government-owned sports arena, which has a capacity of about 4,000

Sources in the papal party said the possibility of using a church building was being studied but that this could limit the number of people attending. The government told the Para-

guayan church it had cancelled the meeting for security reasons and because opposition members would exploit it politically and distort the religious nature of the

The episode was the most serious clash between Stroessner, who has beld power since 1954, and Paragnayan bishops who have been increasingly critical recently over human rights and political issues in the country.

Reagan endorses Bush again; Tutu lauds Dukakis

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WASHINGTON (R) - Presi- with Reagan's words. dent Reagan has endorsed Vice-President George Bush a second time while Democrat Michael Dukakis has received a near endorsement from South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Stung by suggestions that he seemed lukewarm towards Bush. Reagan said Thursday he was "enthusiastie," about the vicepresident and offered his second endorsement in two days.

"I was surprised by the news reports that have said my endorsement last evening of the vice-president was 'lukewarm'," Reagan said in a statement.

"I am enthusiastic, fully com-

mitted and, as I have said, will go all out to make Vice-President Bush the next president of the United States. Earlier, the White House said Reagan was "mortified" that his

endorsement of Bush seemed to fall short of expectations. In a Wednesday night speech endorsing Bush, Reagan men-tioned his loyal hentenant only briefly. At one point, he mispro-

nounced Bush's name. Bush insisted he was delighted

"I couldn't be more pleased," Bush said of the initial endorse ment. "I think it was a great

sendoff. Massachnsetts Governor Dukakis, almost certain to be the Democratic candidate in the Nov. 8 general election, received the near-endorsement of anti-apartheid campaigner Tutu after a meeting here.

"I don't think we need to give any endorsements but I know we would be amongst friends," Tutu, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, said with a beaming Dukakis at his

"We would have a very, very powerful friend if we had a Democrat occupying the White House," Tutu told reporters after meeting with the Democratic presidential candidate.

Earlier in the week, Tutu blasted Reagan's South African policy and said that Reagan was among apartheid's "most effective and most powerful allies." The White Hnuse rejected Tutu's stinging criticism and said political pressure, not sanctions, was the best way to promote

Indian police maintain siege of Sikh militants

AMRITSAR (AP) — At least one Sikh extremist died Friday when a small band of the militants in the Golden Temple, tried to shoot their way out of the police cordon around the shrine, an official said.

Punjah state police chief K.P.S. Gill said the siege by about 2,500 police and paramilitary tronps around Sikhism's holiest shrine entered its fifth day with an estimated 100 Sikh radicals still inside the complex. Police Thursday lifted the cur-

in the immediate vicinity of the Gill told a news conference that six Sikh militants firing AK-47 rifles attempted to storm out of the Golden Temple complex shortly after midnight (1830

few in the old, walled city except

GMT Thursday). Security forces, whose believed to have heen Sikh weapons apparently were equip-

ped with night-vision scopes, re-turned fire and killed one of the Sikhs. Two escaped into the city and three retreated into the temple complex, Gill said. He said that one of the escapees was believed injured.

Gill said two paramilitary soldiers with the central reserve police force were injured in the shootout.

The bodies of five militants also could be seen at daybreak lying inside the complex, the apparent victims of overnight exchanges with security forces, Gill The latest death raised to at

least 22 the number of people killed since the confrontation began Monday Five of the victims were civilians or temple workers caught in the cross-fire, and the rest are

India, Pakistan resume talks on ties next week

and India will resume talks on normalising relations next week after a two year gap and only days after the start of a Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan. Pakistani Minister of State for

Defence Rana Nacem Mahmud told reporters Thursday Indian Defence Secretary S.K. Bhatnagar would have two days of talks May 19 and 20 with his opposite number Ijlal Haidar Zaidi. An Indian embassy official said the talks would focus on the

Siachen-Glacier, a disputed area in the Karakoram Mountains just south of the Chinese border and in the north of Kashmir. Since 1984 troops from both

sides have played a dangerous game of cat and mouse along the 6,000-metre high ridges of the

there were routine.

Western diplomatie sources said the talks were significant, reopening just before Moscow. an old friend of New Delhi, starts to withdraw from May 15 under a four-nation accord, including Pakistan, Afghanistan, the United States and the Soviet Union.

Although remote, the disputed Siachen Glacier is one of the strategic points in a region where the borders of the Soviet Union, China, Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan converge.

Historically, the area has always been a meeting place of cultures and commands one of the main East-West routes along the Karakoram Highway, now running from Pakistan into

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

9 killed in New Zealand plane crash

WELLINGTON (R) — Nine people were killed when a small plane crashed in New Zealand's north island. Rescue workers found the wreckage of the twin-engined piper Seneca and the bodies Friday morning after an overnight search of rugged country near the city of Wanganui. Three children were among the dead. The plane disappeared off radar screens late Thursday while approaching Wanganui in poor weather.

India releases French planes

NEW DELHI (AP) - Three French planes took off for France a week after Indian fighter jets forced them to land when one of the planes strayed near the Jodhpur air force base, a French embassy spokesman said Friday. The planes resumed their journey Thursday after receiving clearance from the Indian government, the spokesman said. Uni Air of Toulouse, France, recently purchased the Fairchild planes from Air Tahiti. French pilots were flying them from the Pacific island to Tnulouse when the aircraft were intercepted over western India May 5. Indian airforce interceptors escorted the planes to Ahmadabad, where the eight crew members spent the first night aboard the aircraft before being taken to a hotel. Several Indian security agencies then conducted an investigation before the planes were allowed to

George Rose murdered by adopted son

SANTO DOMINGO (R) — The adopted son of actor George Rose confessed Thursday that he and three relatives beat to death the 68-year-old star of a murder mystery because he was having an affair with a 14-year-old boy. Domingo Antonio Rafle Vasquez, 18, told a news conference that he had planned the British-born actor's murder because he was jealous about the affair. Vasquez said he then staged a phony car accident to cover up the murder, which police called a crime of passion. Police said Vasquez, his natural father, Juan Antonio Vasquez, and relatives Maximo Padilla and Luis Manuel Toribio beat Rose to death with clubs early last Thursday. Torrbio is still a fugitive. Vasquez corroborated the version at the news conference. Rose's body was found May 5 on a highway outside the northern Dominican resort of Puerto Plata, where he owned a vacation home.

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Keeping a cool head

LONDON (R) — Modern man's ancestors began walking upright to keep a cool head and not to free their hands, according to a researcher writing in a British magazine. Dr. Peter Wheeler. lecturer in vertebrate psychology and evolution at Liverpool Polytechnic, wrote in the weekly New Scientist that early man faced sunshine and warmer temperatures as he moved from shaded forests to more opeo country. "Primates were not physically equipped to cool themselves by panting and their large and delicate brains could be harmed hy an increase of only one or two degrees centigrade." he said. "Walking upright is the ideal way of staying cool while moving across the open equatorial landscape," Wheeler wrote. When the sun is overhead and at its most intense, an upright animal exposes less of its body surface to the sun's rays." Walking upright is regarded as an important step in man's evolution, freeing his hands to make tools and hunt.

Tiny car thief gives police high-speed chase

JOHANNESBURG (R) - A child who could barely see over the dashboard nutraced police in a 150-kilometre-an-hour car chase before crashing his stolen vehicle and slipping away. "He was so small it looked like a headless person was driving," a South African police spokesman said Friday. Police gave chase Wednesday after spotting the Ford Granada speeding towards the Soweto black township near Johannesburg, but a patrol car could not keep up and had to ask a helicopter for help. Police said the thief, who was between seven and nine years old, had sat on a pipe of jackets so he could see ont of the windscreen.

Kuwaiti pays record price for pearl

GENEVA (R) — A Kuwaiti financier Thursday paid the high-est price ever fetched by a pearl at auction and said he planned to give it to his sister as a birthday present. "She likes pearls and she wanted this one," -25-year-old Safa Abdullah said after paying 1.21 million Swiss francs (\$865,000) for the egg-shaped pearl, known as "La Regente." He said his sister Khlood would celchrate her 30th hirthday Friday. The pearl was once part of the French crown jewels. It was bought in 1887 by a Russian family and its whereabouts had been unknown until now. Auctioneers Christie's said it fetched nearly twice as much as the previous record for a single pearl -682,000 francs (\$487,000) for 'La Pelegrina" sold at auction a year

Teenagers boil human heads in Moscow suburb

MOSCOW (R) — Police arrested five teenagers they caught boiling three human heads over a bonfire in Moscow's southern outskirts, the newspaper Moskovskaya Pravda said Thursday. Police, investigating a report of a break-in at a mortuary, noticed a bonfire hlazing on nearby wasteland. Approaching closer, they saw five youths, using sticks to stir three human heads boiling in a saucepan," the daily said. "It was like a scene from a film about a wild cannibal tribe?" "In our work, you get to see quite a lot ... but this made even my flesh creep," a senior inspector was quoted as saying. The daily said the teenagers, who were drunk, explained that they were boiling the heads to make ashtrays out of the skulls.

Tyson gives bad luck Rolls Royce away

NEW YORK (R) - World heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, convinced that his \$50,000 Rolls Royce was bringing him bad luck, gave it to two police officers following a minor traffic accident, according to a newspaper report Thursday. The New York Post said Tyson drove the Rolls into a parked car while having an argument with his wife, actress Robin Givens, Sunday. The police officers, who were passing by, asked if they could be of any help, and Tyson replied: "I've had nothing hut had luck and accidents with this car. You buys take (it) and keep it," the Post reported. The delighted officers drove the car to a private garage, but soon found the Rolls was bad luck for them too.